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New community transport plans

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AS PARISHES and villages around the Bridport and Beaminster areas face vital bus services being cut, Dorset County Council is advising communities to set up their own transport schemes.

Cllr Ros Kayes, Dorset county councillor for Bridport, who also sits on the county council's holistic transport review board, reported at the Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) meeting, that the weekly or twice weekly services currently under review are unlikely to be saved and the county council are investigating ways individual communities could set up their own transport.

A total of 26 services are under review and include, the no 14 from Thorncombe to Marshwood, the 42 from Drimpton to Bridport, the 76 from Symondsbury to Catherston Leweston, the 204 from Thorncombe to Yeovil, the 213 from Broadwindsor to Dorchester, the 253 from Beaminster to Weymouth and the 688 from Thorncombe to Axminster, amongst many others.

Cllr Ros Kayes said: "Their position is that it is no longer viable to use public money to subsidise those buses, they are cutting all of their subsidies but looking to replace them with proper community transport schemes.

"One of the things we have been talking about is how we get local councillors and local communities to share their expertise and to generate money so that their can be a range of community transport options.

"I am going to be putting some of my district councillor's fund into this, the town council are interested in doing that, we actually want to see many can create a joined up package.

No alternatives

"What we are pushing on at the moment is a properly funded package that allows individual communities to support community transport and that is where the work has got to be done as I don't think we have any alternative.

"It is not going to be easy, you may get parishes or communities funding more than one scheme… it is kind of a jigsaw that we are thinking of."

Cllr Kayes also reported that due to councils in Dorset looking at becoming a combined authority – which allows local authorities to share responsibility and take on functions from central government – that this would allow them to have devolved powers that they wouldn't otherwise have, having a greater influence on local transport, which could see concessionary ticket holders paying a fare.

She added: "Public transport isn't in that package but Dorset County Council are fighting really, really hard to put that back in the package and they are fairly confident that they will be able to get it back in.

"They will be able to issue quality contracts on main routes, which will fix the bus times and the bus frequencies and it also means they might get powers over concessionary fares.

"They could have an agreement with users that they pay something, if they have a concessionary ticket, if they wanted. This is what WATAG have been suggesting for ages.

"If they got this power, one of the things they are thinking of doing in Bridport is to allow people to pay because obviously it makes the buses more viable. I don't know whether it will be voluntary or not but what they are thinking of is a £1 contribution. That could make the buses that would exist more viable."

Adam Keen, operations manager for Damory, said that if the county council were to have devolved power over the buses, it could lead to a financial loss.

Significant losses

He said: "People have mentioned devolved power of buses being run by local authorities, the biggest one you will come across is Transport for London (TfL), that records a subsidy loss every year, a significant one.

"Some of the most successful bus operators and services, the most reliable, innovative services you will find, are in the cities where they are run commercially by bus operators and it is up to them to buy new buses and develop because they get the revenue for it. Devolution is great on paper, it is a loss maker in reality."

However, due to the cuts, Mr Keen reported that Damory could look into possible empty journeys they could change to make them take on routes and pick up potential passengers.

He said: "We have a number of school buses that go out all over the county, and at the moment they either tend to run back dead, which means empty, or they run back to a start point where they then layover and do a market day run or something different.

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■ A 10-year-old Symondsbury Primary School pupil is helping her mum raise money for charity. Ellie Ives has organised two fundraisers to help her mum, who is running the London marathon this year in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, reach her target of £2,000. Amy Day, Ellie's mum, said: "I am running the London marathon this year and she wrote a letter to her headteacher asking if she could arrange something to help with my fundraising.

"The teachers very kindly helped Ellie arrange a non-school uniform day and a cake stall and Ellie raised a grand total of £251.34 for Prostate Cancer UK.

"Ellie's granddad has prostate cancer and her great-granddad passed away last year from it too, so she was really proud for raising so much.

"I thought it was a lovely example of a young child and local school doing fab things for charity!"

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BERNARDO has become a well-known name in and around Dorchester, regularly entertaining with his guitar at a town centre restaurant.

He has been in Dorchester for several years, and has previously lived in Canada where he and his late wife, a playwright, often worked together on artistic projects.

● YOU are known as Bernardo – what is your real name?
Bernard Alan Aaron. I was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne but my grandparents were Russian and I've lived for more than 16 years in Canada. I studied guitar at Newcastle, London, and then Toronto at the Royal Conservatory of Music. I emigrated there in 1967.

● HOW long have you been living in Dorset?
I've been in Dorchester for over three years now, moving in July 2012. We went initially to Bournemouth in 2010. We came to area because my wife's daughter lived at Charlton Down.

My wife was a playwright and poet and we worked together on several projects, including many for children's television in Canada and the stage.

While we were in Canada I was also teaching guitar, sometimes up to eight classes in a week, and often at the weekend as well.

● HAVE any of your works been published?
Yes, several. I have had pieces published in *Classical Guitar* and *Guitar International,* a Unicef Lullaby. Amongst them was a seven-page work "Sueno Espanol" in *Guitar International* back in 1989. There have been many other pieces.

Not all of them were published, including a 19-page piece, based on the surrender of Granada, Spain in 1492, after 780 years of Moorish Rule – the first movement, featured in the ballet 'Mightier than the Sword.'

● CAN you play in different styles?
Yes, almost any, including English pieces. I've published variations on Greensleeves and pieces based on traditional Welsh and Scottish music as well as seven variations on the Coventry Carol.

● DO you have a favourite?
I quite like pieces where the guitar is played in the style of a Balalaika, probably because my background is from that part of the world.

● AND do you practise?
Probably not as much as I should, but I will get the guitar out most days for a while. If I'm working on something I can play for hours, often forgetting what time of day or night it is. You can get quite lost in music.

● DO you plan to continue playing?
Yes, I enjoy it and people seem to enjoy me playing. I'm often at the ReLoved restaurant in South Street and also play at other venues, when asked. I can tailor the performance to whatever style people would like.

● AND composing?
I have just completed a ballet for guitar and orchestra, 'Mightier than the Sword' working with orchestrator Ian Phillips-Kerr. We started working together about a year ago and the piece runs to about 80 minutes.

I started with the guitar and wrote pieces for other instruments around it. It's dedicated to my wife and the theme is the triumph of true, inspired art… but I don't expect it to be performed for a long time because it's so complicated to get these things funded and organised.

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Fishermen getting better prices with new scheme

■ FISHERMEN in the ports of Lyme Bay on the Dorset and Devon border – including West Bay – are making a better living from the fish by practising conservation, thanks to a new scheme launched by the charity Blue Marine Foundation (BLUE).

The fishermen have begun to sell their wares under the Reserve Seafood brand to top London restaurants, which pay higher prices for fully traceable fish and place high value on the 'boat-to-plate' provenance.

The project called Reserve Seafood, a collaboration between fishermen from West Bay, Lyme Regis, Beer and Axmouth, and BLUE, has installed chiller rooms, ice-makers and freezer units in return for fisherman signing up to a strict conservation code and electronic monitoring.

BLUE's partners, fish merchants Direct Seafoods, collect the day's catch of fish and shellfish from the Lyme Bay ports in the late afternoon, transport it to their London base, and by early the following morning, chefs at London restaurants are preparing Reserve Seafood fish for their customers.

Laky Zervudachi, sustainability director at Direct Seafoods, said: "Our chef customers love the fact that they can promote the freshness and quality of the fish they are serving and tell their diners exactly how and where it was caught. Sustainability is a key ingredient."

Charles Clover, chairman of BLUE, said that Reserve Seafood is here to stay. He said: "It is real evidence that fishing and conservation can work together.

"BLUE is a marine conservation charity with a global reach, working with governments to protect vast areas of ocean from overfishing. In the UK we are hands on and we have been working to create win-win outcomes like this."

Council tax set to rise for Bridport residents

BRIDPORT residents will be paying more in council tax this year to help cover shortfalls following cuts to district and county council funding.

Town councillors agreed to increase the precept for 2015/16 to help safeguard services, such as the youth centre and tourist information centre, in the town, after they have come under threat due to funding cuts.

Residents in Band D properties in the town will be charged an additional 28 pence a week, or £14.44 a year, an increase of 8.55 per cent.

This will increase the precept by £42,200 or by £561,793 including the council tax support grant, and will provide an additional £7,137 towards future delegated services.

Cllr Ros Kayes said: "We are faced with a position where because of the reduction in grants we have been getting from West Dorset District Council, we have to increase the precept just to stay where we are.

"We have been put into a lose-lose situation by our district council and government, which has reduced the amount of funding coming to the district council and thereby to the town council.

"We don't have another alternative this year, other to do than what is being suggested, to enable us, as a town, to support services.

"Another issue is the expectation, now that £1.5million is being removed from the bus subsidies by Dorset County council, that town's support community transport schemes. We have got to put some money into that as well."

Bridport Town Council will see its funding from West Dorset District Council cut by nearly £25,000 over the next year, however £10,000 has been allocated for Bridport Youth Centre in the town council's next budget.

Around £200,000 of the town council's reserves has also been earmarked for the next financial year to pay for local projects.

Cllr Sarah Williams, leader of the council, said: "It was a difficult decision for us as councillors, but we have to protect the town and you have to provide services that the town expects.

"There are going to be some unforeseen services coming through and we have to be ready to take those on."

Cllr Dave Rickard agreed with the increase and said it the cuts from West Dorset District Council were an opportunity for the town council to be able to deliver services themselves.

He said: "It is important to realise, that whilst I am very disappointed… it does give us an opportunity, as long as we can afford it, to do things ourselves.

"We have reserves, we are legally required to have reserves, however, these cuts aren't just this year.

"If we use all the money this year on a project or next year, we won't have any for the year after, so it is very important that we don't run our reserves too quickly."

But Cllr Julian Jones argued that the reserves should be used when needed rather than saved.

He said: "There is no point in building up reserves when funding is good if you are not then prepared to use them when things are a bit tight, and they are tight.

"It is inevitable that the town should run those reserves for the next two years."

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"When they know what the effects of the cuts will be, we will then look to see what dead running buses we have and where they are coming from so that we might convert a dead journey to divert to a town.

"It won't be anywhere near the level of services that appear in this book [WATAG timetable], but it will scoop up some of the places that have been left with nothing and we will be converting a dead run into a live run. There is hope for that and we will look at it for sure."

But us campaigners and those concerned about the cuts called on Dorset County Council to ensure the community transport schemes to be in place before cut their bus services.

Bob Driscoll, of Symondsbury Parish Council, was at the meeting and said: "This is our whole purpose, to improve public transport, and we are watching it disappear.

"I think it is not unreasonable for us to say 'okay, you have got to make savings, we sympathise, we understand, we are all in it together and we are tightening our belts, but let's do it in a structured way'.

"If we are going to have a community service with the likes of Dorset Community Transport and others, let's get them all in place and find the financial side before these ones are withdrawn – that is not asking much."

Community fair this weekend

THE annual Bridport Community Fair returns to the town hall this Saturday (February 6th) from 9am to 2pm.

Many local groups and organisations will have stands and stalls offering information on upcoming events.

A calendar, which lists all the main events for the year, will also be available to take away.

Live music from Tinkers Cuss and Acoustic Rooster will in Bucky Doo Square from 10am.

Correction: cuts to arts funding

ARTS centres in Bridport and Dorchester, as well as the county museum, will suffer from cuts in their grants paid by West Dorset District Council – but not by as much as originally reported.

The proposal, which was approved by West Dorset District Council's executive committee, is to reduce the grant to all revenue funded arts organisations by 7.5 per cent.

For Bridport Arts Centre and Dorchester Arts this will mean a reduction from £ 36,709 to £33,955, a reduction of £2,754 a year. The Dorset County Museum will receive a reduction of five per cent from £11,573 to £10,994 and therefore there will be a reduction of £579 a year. We are pleased to clarify the figures for the organisations involved.

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Woman dies following head-on crash on the A35

ONE woman has died and two others are fighting for their lives after a head-on collision on the A35 near Axminster on Saturday evening (January 30th).

Emergency services rushed to the scene close to the Red Lane and Green Lane turnings, near the Hunter's Lodge pub, at around 6pm to reports of a two car collision.

A Honda car from the Dorset area and a Vauxhall Zafira from the Isle of Wight were involved and all six passengers were taken to hospital.

A spokesperson for the Devon and Somerset Police said: "A 46-year-old woman from the Isle of Wight received fatal injuries.

"Two other occupants of the same vehicle remain in critical condition in Derriford Hospital [in Plymouth].

"Next of kin have been informed and enquiries are ongoing."

A spokesperson for the South Western Ambulance Service said: "We were called just before 6pm to reports of a two car head-on crash involving six people, four in one car and two in the other.

"A police helicopter and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance attended along with six ambulances, two rapid response vehicles, an ambulance officer and a hazardous area response team.

"It is believed the passengers of one of the cars were a family of four – two adults and two children."

The stretch of road from the Charmouth roundabout to the Axminster turning is notorious for serious accidents.

A female passenger of a car died in an accident at Greenway Head in March last year.

Three months later, in June, a man died in an accident involving a car and a lorry collided near the Red Lane and Green Lane turnings.

The nearby Hunters Lodge junction has been an accident blackspot for several years.

Calls for safety measures were renewed after a string of fatal accidents.

Two females died – one at the scene and one in hospital, after an accident in May 2013.

This was followed by another fatal accident, involving two vehicles, in which one person died in July of that year.

The accidents in 2013 led to meetings and summits involving town and parish councillors from Axminster and Uplyme, MP Neil Parish and the then Highways Agency.

Councillor Raymond was part of the campaign which eventually led to Highways England announcing a package of measures at Hunters Lodge.

This will include a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing near Raymonds Hill Post Office, vehicle-activated signs that will flash warnings of traffic waiting to enter the A35 from side roads, longer turning lane markings on the side roads, the extension of the 40mph limit further west towards the Axminster turning, and A35 road markings to give the impression that the carriageway is narrower to slow through-traffic.

The work, costing an estimated £250,000, is expected to start in spring 2016. Campaigners wanted traffic lights at the junction, but this was ruled out by Highways England.

Seed swap returns to The Ropemakers

THE Ropemakers pub in West Street, Bridport, will be hosting the annual Bridport Seed Swap for the third time on Saturday, February 13th from 10am to 12noon.

Everyone is invited to go along and take advantage of the opportunity to share surplus seeds and experiences with other local gardeners. In the past, people have come with a variety of seeds ranging from beans to broccoli, squash to sunflowers.

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Snapper takes on double challenge for charity

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A BRIDPORT photographer has set herself two tough fitness challenges to raise money for charity.

Catherine Carter, a 29-year-old who works in Bridport and Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centres, will be embarking on the Three Peaks Challenge in July this year to climb the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales – Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon – as well as taking part in the Great Wall of China walk.

Miss Carter said: "I saw an advert saying the Great Wall of China walk could be done for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and, as it was a walk, I wanted to do it anyway.

"I thought it would be even more worthwhile to do it with a group of people and raise money for the charity.

"I will be leaving on October 15th for eight days. It involves walking 12 kilometres a day for six days and camping out with no home comforts.

"I am hoping to raise £4,000, so in addition to the funds from the Three Peaks Challenge, I have decided to try and raise this money by holding a series of talks."

Miss Carter used to be a photographer on a cruise ship and is giving talks on this at Bridport Town Hall.

The first was on Thursday, January 28th entitled 'Travelling the world as a cruise ship photographer' but the next is 'A photographic journey around the world' on February 18th.

Her final talk is called 'Learning the basics of photography' and will take place on March 24th.

Miss Carter added: "The Great Wall of China is not flat, it is a misconception thinking it is, there are a lot of steps involved.

"My biggest challenge is the endurance, so I have had to get really fit. I have been working on several different fitness plans getting my leg muscles to work harder as I will be carrying back packs, I have also had to strengthen my shoulder area."

The Three Peaks Challenge will involve Miss Carter, and her friend Becky who is completing it with her, walking up a total of 22 miles with the total distance of the three peaks height is 3,407 metres.

Craig Bernhardt, founder of private health club B!Health and Fitness in Lyme Regis, where Miss Carter trains, said: "Our primary charity is children's Hospice South West, however, when Catherine told me what she was doing, there was no way we wouldn't want to support her and the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. We have put together a specific fitness programme to prepare her for her challenges, and to get fundraising started we have pledged £200.

"I hope lots of people get behind Catherine and support this great effort and fantastic cause."

To donate to Miss Carter, visit www.justgiving.com/catherinesgreatwallofchinachallenge

■ Bridport photographer, 29-year-old Catherine Carter, will undertake the Three Peaks Challenge and the Great Wall of China walk to raise money for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust

Calling all knitters

KEEN knitters are being sought to take part in a fundraising knitathon on Sunday, February 28th at St Swithun's Church Hall in Bridport.

The event will be raising money for the Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians, which gives financial support for music tuition and enables young people to develop their musical talents.

Knitters will require number nine (3.75mm) knitting needles and double knitting wool and the knitted pieces in garter stich will be donated to the Hug a Baby project, which supplies blankets for disadvantaged mothers of new babies in South Africa.

Knitters must arrive at the church for 2.30pm to register and will knit from 3pm to 5pm.

Sponsor forms and further details can be obtained from Bridport Yarn on South Street or by calling 01308 456297.

Build a nest box

ALLINGTON Hill volunteers are hosting an event for families to make a nest box as part of National Nest Box Week.

A team from Magdalen farm will help participants build their boxes and make bug hotels for the birds and bugs in Cooper's Wood.

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Students offered career advice at networking event

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MALE students at The Sir John Colfox Academy were offered an insight into several different careers

The Year 10 students were able to talk to ten local businessmen and workers, all in diverse trades, from teaching to wine merchants and a fitness instructor to a craftsman, for ten minutes at a time.

Over 100 students attended to find out about different careers and what life could be like after secondary school.

Andy David, a teacher at the school who organised the event, said: "Last year we organised the event for just the girls as part of the Inspiring Women Campaign and it was a huge success.

"Some boys asked if I could organise one for them and I decided to try it without ever thinking it would be anywhere near as successful.

"I am fascinated by the potential for growth within all young people and the best way to allow growth is by providing as many opportunities as possible.

"I was both amazed and incredibly proud that over 100 boys turned up to listen to such a diverse group of people with such great stories to tell.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity to show them what is possible and what life could be like for them once they leave Colfox.

"If we have inspired just one of the boys then the hard work was all worth it but having spoken to many more since the event, we have reached far more than that and I would like to thank all the guests for giving up their time and making it such a special night."

Those who came to talk included Dr Simon Rennie, a lecturer in Victorian poetry at Exeter University; Barry O'Mahony, vet and director at Bredy Veterinary Centre; Edward Woolner, founder of POW Energy Water; Christopher Knight, director of Global Operations; primary school teacher Harry Fleet; fitness instructor Luke Hayter; Tom Cleverly, a project engineer at Reynolds Technology Ltd; Martin Stones, director of Minster Joinery; Richard King, partner at Kitson and Trotman Solicitors; and Mark Banham, director at Morrish and Banham Wine Merchants Ltd.

Dr Simon Rennie was the guest speaker and gave an opening talk.

He said: "I didn't go to university until I had worked in factories and warehouses for many years.

"When I first went to university – and by that point I was already bald and twice the age of the other students – I looked at what the lecturers were doing and dreamed of being able to do that myself.

"A few years later I was back at that same university teaching alongside the people who had once taught me.

"But what made me wake up one morning and decide to change my life in the way I did?

"The simple answer is that someone told me I could. I could have done what I did many, many years ago but I never thought it was possible.

"I stopped thinking of myself as someone intruding on a way of life that wasn't natural to me, and I started to believe that I could be whoever I wanted to be. Most worthwhile things in life can't be achieved without sacrifice.

"We all do jobs we love or, believe me, we wouldn't be here talking about them. But we all had to work hard doing things we didn't love quite so much in order to get here."

■ Year 10 male students at The Sir John Colfox School received career and experienced advice from ten local business owners and workers

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'Best village' competition launched

THE search has begun to find Dorset's best village as the 2016 competition gets underway. This year marks three decades of Dorset's Best Village Competition, which is organised by Dorset Community Action.

Last year Burton Bradstock won Dorset's best large village and best green initiative in the competition after it was entered by its parish council.

Entry information is already being sent to the county's villages inviting them to enter either through the parish council, village hall committee or other active community group.

Rita Burden, DCA's competition organiser, said: "Last year we had 72 entries into the different categories of 'best village', so our aim again for this special 30th year is to encourage communities which have never taken part in this rewarding competition, to enter for the first time.

"Any organisation can enter its village – the village hall committee, school, youth club, scout or guide group, or any other active community group, besides the parish council. Even Dorset's smallest hamlets can enter."

Magna Housing Association has been the major sponsor for this event since 2010 and has renewed its support again this year.

David Aldwinckle, Magna Housing Association director, said: "We are particularly proud to be sponsoring the best village awards again in this special 30th anniversary year.

"We have seen the awards go from strength to strength and they can really help to promote community spirit in Dorset villages, making them great places to live in."

Besides the main 'best village' competition, there are four other categories: 'the people's project', the village judged to have the best project involving local, active people; 'environmental champions', the village judged to be undertaking the best green initiative; 'best village shop'; and, last year, Magna introduced a new category 'neighbourliness', which is all about what the community is doing to look after its most valuable and needy people.

Ms Burden added: "We want villages to demonstrate that they work together, taking pride in their local surroundings and amenities while promoting great community spirit."

The deadline for entries in the best village category is 5pm on Monday, April 11th. For all other categories, the deadline is 5pm on Monday, July 25th.

DCA is encouraging groups to save paper and postage by entering the competition online if possible.

Entry details can be downloaded by visiting www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk or by calling DCA on 01305 216407 to be sent a copy by email or on paper.

Art society members pleased to get Chappell's opinion

SUCH is the affection in which Bridport Art Society hold Michael Chappell, members were only too pleased to bring their work for his valued and professional opinion at their latest meeting.

Mr Chappell always gives so much time and careful consideration to his advice on technique and composition that members reap the benefit not only in the quality of their work but in their enthusiasm to keep improving.

The next meeting is on Thursday, February 25th when Dee Cowell will be giving a demonstration on the techniques and uses of Derwent Pencils.

However due to the redecoration at the St John Ambulance Hall, the meeting will take place in the Bridport Christian Fellowship Hall, King Street, situated in East Street car park at 7.30pm.

There is also a change of date for the AGM which is now to be held on Thursday, March 17th at 7.30pm in the St John Ambulance Hall.

The subject for the Marlow Trophy competition on that evening is 'autumn' so bring along your paintings. New members who are welcome to join the society should contact the secretary on 01308 423894.

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Opportunities at Slimming World

SLIMMING experts in West Dorset are celebrating a successful start to the year after helping locals lose a total of 520 stone.

Now they have launched a campaign to recruit more people with a passion for helping others for the "best job in the world" with a special Slimming World careers opportunity event planned at Horton Village Hall, near Ilminster in Somerset, on February 14th at 10am-1pm

Rebecca King, who manages a team of eight consultants who run 18 Slimming World groups in the area, says: "We're going through a period of steady growth. In 40 years millions of people have changed their lives with Slimming World's brilliant combination of a hunger-busting eating plan, increased activity and weekly group support.

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Public First to launch campaign in Bridport

CAMPAIGNERS seeking to revert West Dorset District Council to a committee system of governance will be holding a launch event in Bridport later this month.

The Public First Group gained more than 6,000 signatures in a petition calling for WDDC to revert from a cabinet system of governance back to a committee system, triggering a referendum, which will take place in May.

However, campaigners have called on WDDC leader Councillor Anthony Alford to save taxpayers the £95,000 it will cost to hold a referendum and voluntarily revert to a committee system instead.

But, Mr Alford said a referendum would take place as requested by petitioners, to give the rest of the district, who didn't sign the petition, the opportunity to voice their opinion.

Public First campaigner, Clive Stafford Smith, said: "It's a great shame that the West Dorset District Council have not seen fit to save the £95,000 referendum costs.

"It is equally sad that Mr Alford did not even respond to my offer to discuss possible solutions with us at Public First. It leaves the perception that they want to cling onto the cabinet system where seven people get to have all the real power, come hell or high water.

"There is nothing left for it but for us to launch our campaign."

The campaign will be launched in Bridport at the Electric Palace on Thursday, February 11th at 7pm, with a meeting titled 'How well does West Dorset Council serve Bridport?'

This will be followed by a meeting in Dorchester on Wednesday, February 24th with other town meetings to follow at Beaminster, Lyme Regis and Sherborne, and a plan for villages.

The campaign group will also be running street stalls in Bucky Doo Square, Bridport, this Saturday (February 6th) and on Wednesday, February 10th.

John Grantham, Public First secretary, said: "A key element of our plan is to harness the many requests from the public throughout West Dorset to themselves participate in the campaign.

"We are looking to implement a programme where people ''Adopt a Street' across West Dorset to answer the public's questions and provoke a true democratic debate before the referendum on May 5th.

"The level of interest seems high, perhaps because we are advocating a neutral, representative, transparent and democratic system that will give the public more confidence than the current process."

■ TWO members of the Public First team, Caroline Parkins from Bridport and Hugh Duexberry from Dorchester discuss the campaign

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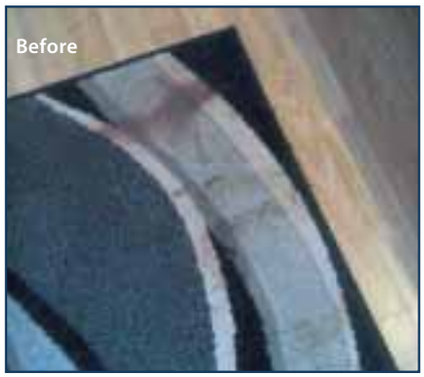

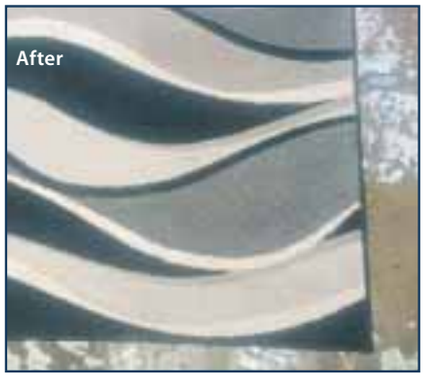

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Speed limit looks set to be lowered to 40mph at Symondsbury junction

HIGHWAYS England have issued a notice proposing to reduce the speed limit between Chideock and Miles Cross – the junction by Symondsbury – from 60mph and 50mph to 40mph.

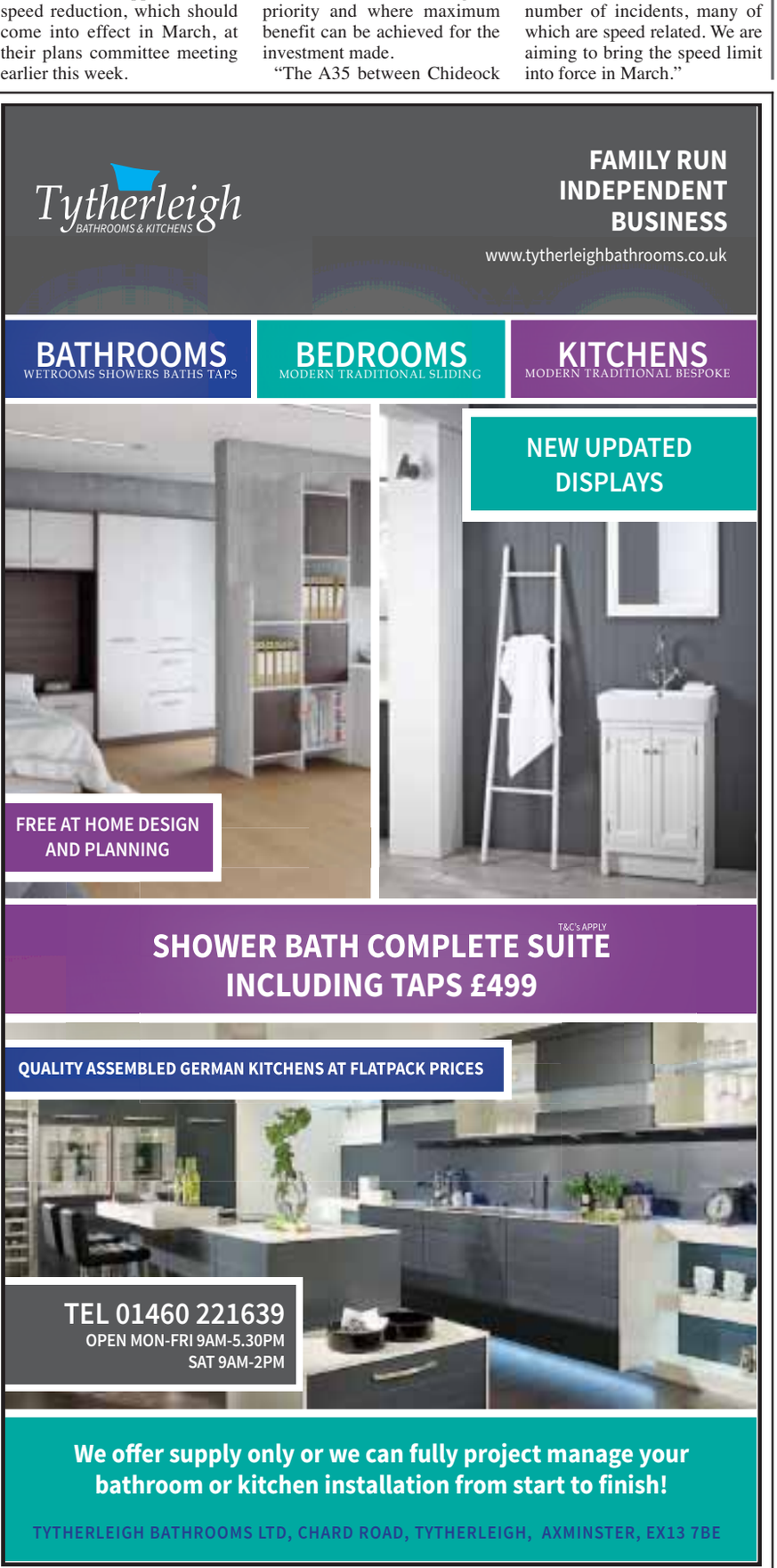
Bridport town councillors showed their support for the speed reduction, which should come into effect in March, at their plans committee meeting earlier this week.

A spokesperson for Highways England said: "Safety is our priority when making decisions about the operation of our roads.

"The safety records of all Highways England roads are routinely analysed and proposals for safety improvements brought forward on the basis of highest priority and where maximum benefit can be achieved for the investment made.

"The A35 between Chideock and Miles Cross is single carriageway with twisting alignment, steep gradients and tight curves. Visibility is restricted at the Quarr Cross junction [turning onto the A35 from Eype Down].

"We are proposing to reduce the speed limit to 40mph as this section of road suffers from a number of incidents, many of which are speed related. We are aiming to bring the speed limit into force in March."



Cider apples to be planted at Golden Cap to help secure their future

SEVERAL varieties of cider apples are to be planted on the Golden Cap Estate this year as part of the National Trust's aim to secure and preserve their future.

The internationally important collection of cider apples features almost 300 varieties and has been given to the National Trust to be planted in orchards.

These include Golden Cap in West Dorset, Montacute House, Barrington Court, Tyntesfield and Glastonbury in Somerset; Westbury Court Garden in Gloucestershire; Killerton in Devon; and Brockhampton in Herefordshire.

On the Golden Cap Estate, three varieties have already been planted, with a further 17 varieties due later this year.

Rob Rhodes, countryside manager for West Dorset, said: "We are honoured to be receiving the national collection of Dorset cider apple trees which will complement the historical orchards we already care for at Shedbush Farm [National Trust owned land near Golden Cap].

"There has been a long history of cider making at Shedbush and this is therefore a natural location for the Dorset trees from the collection."

Slack-ma-Gridle, Netherton Late Bower and Billy Down Pippin are just three of the apple varieties in the national cider apple collection, which has been established over the course of more than 25 years by collector and donor Henry May in Tidnor Wood orchard in Herefordshire.

Mr May said: "I am delighted that the National Trust has become the custodian of this collection and, really, I could not have asked for a better result."

The gift will help to secure the collection's future and help stop many of the rarer varieties becoming lost forever.

In 2007, traditional orchards were designated a priority habitat under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

The National Trust reports that the habitat has declined rapidly since the 1950s, with more than 90 per cent of traditional orchards in England lost in 60 years.

Steve Oram, orchard biodiversity officer for the People's Trust for Endangered Species, helped to arrange the gifting of the national collection of cider apples to the National Trust.

He said: "When I spoke to Henry May about his desire to pass on the collection, I knew that the National Trust would have the expertise and, importantly, the land to look after this collection, protecting its future.

"Orchards are a mosaic habitat which contain elements of woodland, pasture, meadow grassland and are often bordered by hedgerows.

"This combination of habitats means that you have a unique wildlife haven supporting a vast range of species.

"But orchards are first and foremost about the fruit and how we use it, which is why it is critical that this vast diversity of varieties is not only preserved for future generations but put to use today."

The trees are expected to begin bearing fruit in seven years' time, when it is hoped that many of the apples will be used to produce cider.

Calling all explorers for charity jungle trek

THE team at Weldmar Hospicecare Trust are looking for adventurous fundraisers to join them and take part in their 2017 challenge – trekking in the Borneo Jungle.

Between October 13th and 22nd, Weldmar will be holding their fifth overseas challenge, which in the past has included Mont Blanc, the Sahara Desert and the Icelandic trek challenge – and this year supporters are taking on the Great Wall of China (see page five).

As well as the challenging trek, participants will identify edible fruits and plants, learn vital jungle survival skills as well as being on the lookout for wild orangutans.

In the past few years, over 70 people have taken part in Weldmar's overseas challenge, helping to raise nearly £200,000 to go towards the charity's service.

Participants are required to be at least 18-years-old at the time of flying to Borneo.

Matt Smith, Weldmar's community and events fundraising manager, said: "Our overseas challenges are becoming more and more popular each year.

"Originally our 2013 trek was designed as a one off, however, the demand has allowed us to hold exciting adventures each year.

"Borneo is an amazing place and the jungle trek will create everlasting memories and lifelong friendships for those who take part, but trust me, this is no holiday!"

Weldmar are advising possible participants that the facilities on this trek are basic, with no toilet, washing or bathing facilities whilst in the jungle.

Temperatures could reach up to 40 degrees celsius in the day and the terrain will be varied and steep at times.

Trekkers will have to carry their own water and daytime supplies on their back.

Training is key for this challenge but Weldmar will organise group training walks, along with advice on what boots and backpack to have.

Mr Smith added: "As with all of our treks, at times they will be physically, mentally and emotionally challenging but, unlike a lot of other charity treks, you will be joined solely by Weldmar supporters who are all taking part for the same reason.

"I will also be joining you on this trek and will be on hand to support you throughout from the moment you sign up to the moment we land back here in the UK."

Registration to take part in this event is £295 per person and each trekker is required to raise a minimum of £3,450 but Weldmar will give guidance and support with fundraising and events.

As a reward at the end of the challenge, participants will be taken on a boat trip to spot wild animals as well as visiting the Dalit Wildlife Sanctuary to see orangutans in rehabilitation before being released back into the wild.

To find out more about this challenge visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk/jungle, calling 01305 261800 or by emailing matt.smith@weld-hospice.org.uk

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Youth arts project comes to Bridport

A YOUTH arts residency will be taking place in Bridport this month and young people are being sought to take part in the five days of workshops.

The Complete Freedom of Truth is an international youth led project and aims to use cultural arts activities to provide skills and training and cultural awareness for young people across Europe.

Last year, artists and young people gathered in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, to develop skills and creative pieces, and many exchanges between the young people of West Dorset and there have taken place.

The five day residency in Bridport takes place during half term, from February 15th to 19th, and offers workshops in poetry, spoken word, various forms of dance, music and painting.

The workshops will be held at Bridport Town Hall, Bridport Arts Centre and other venues around the town.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 26 are welcome, but some exceptions can be made.

On Monday, February 15th the workshop will be with Diverse City, which works to bring disabled and non-disabled performers together, and this will be open to people of all ages and is a training day from 10.30am to 3pm.

There is a charge of £5 per day for the project and on Friday, February 19th there will be a sharing of work in progress, including some film and dance created in Srebrenica last August at 7pm to 9pm at Bridport Arts Centre. Tickets cost £5 for audience members over 16-years-old.

For more information email tina@operacircus.co.uk or e.davis@diversecity.org.uk

Hospital friends' coffee morning at the United Church Hall

MEMBERS of the Bridport Community Hospital League of Friends are holding a coffee morning at the United Church Hall on Saturday, February 6th.

The event will be held from 10am to 12noon and will raise funds for the group.

New estate agents go 'back to basics'

by Peter Hodges
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A RECENTLY launched Bridport business are using a novel way to help spread the word about their business – a business they say is Estate Agency back to basics and done right.

Martin Etherington-Simons and Anthony van Deurs Goss have set up their Estate Agents, Etherington Goss after having both worked at a senior management level for the countries largest estate agency group.

Martin said: "Etherington Goss gives us the chance to go back to the basics with a twist. We both managed prominent high street offices for a combined 35 years plus, and witnessed the changing way in which we search for our dream home."

To celebrate the launch of the new business, Etherington Goss will be giving away free reusable bags in Bridport, and contained within each bag will be their mission statement.

The Statement reads: 'The internet and social media are now dominating the way we communicate. Websites have become the new shop window, the gateway to the consumer. Utilising these tools, a modern estate agent is still required to remain proactive to achieve the best possible price for the client. Inspired by years of experience Etherington Goss offer a bespoke service to complement your home in a competitive market place."

Anthony added: "Foot traffic into a shop is almost a thing of the past, as a combination of leading property websites and social media have now replaced it. Now more than ever, the presentation, photos, floor plan and description of your home are viewed by thousands of perspective buyers every day."

However, Martin and Anthony are not just focused on the Internet or social media and their office at North Mills Trading estate, reflects this.

Martin said: "We wanted our office space to be a nice place, where the customer can come in, take their time and let us know what they want. So often on a high street, you get people staring through the windows or lots of noise, where as here it's calm, clean and smart."

■ MARTIN Etherington-Simons and Anthony van Deurs Goss are giving away free reusable bags in Bridport after launching their new estate agents

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Marathon for cider maker

by Lottie Welch
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A LOCAL cider maker is putting down the apples and getting active as she will be taking on the challenge of the London marathon this year.

Penny Strong, who owns Dorset Nectar Cider with her family in Waytown, will be running the gruelling 26.2 miles for Global's Make Some Noise charity.

The national charity supports and provides relief to children and young people who are in situations they cannot change caused through illness, disability or bereavement.

The charity supports projects that provide life changing work for ill children, play equipment to disabled children, music to help with pain relief in cancer wards, help to families with children with cancer or support children who are bereaving a parent.

Mrs Strong said: "I have been very fortunate to have had five children, all who have been very healthy and without disability.

"It is a challenge for every parent to bring up their children, but I cannot imagine what it would be like of they had a disability of any kind, so my heart goes out to them.

"The opportunity came up to apply for a place to run in the London marathon in aid of Global's Make Some Noise charity. I was accepted with the provision to raise a minimum of £2,000.

"I am enjoying the physical challenge too. I have no previous running experience, although I have been a regular swimmer – I am still working towards the 26.2 miles."

Mrs Strong will be hosting a wassail night with her family at their orchard in Waytown to help raise some money towards her target.

She added: "We would like as many people to come and make some noise for charity!

"It promises to be a fun-filled evening with live folk music, hot mulled cider and soul warming food. There will also be a bonfire to warm yourself, wassail singing, folk dancing and lots of good artisan cider.

"It will be a traditional orchard wassail in which we give thanks for the apples and the trees and make a huge noise to scare away any unwanted spirits and to revive and reawaken the trees so that they will fruit abundantly in the year to come.

"We encourage everyone to bring along any drums or cymbals, trumpets, flutes, bells or even just pots and pans – the more noise the better and the more fun we will have."

The wassail takes place at the Dorset Nectar Cider farm on Pineapple Lane, Waytown, Bridport, DT6 5HZ.

Visitors are advised to wear wellies and there is no entry fee but all proceeds from the event will go towards Global's Make Some Noise charity.

PENNY Strong, of Dorset Nectar Cider, will be taking on the challenge of the London Marathon this year and is holding a traditional wassail at their orchard in Waytown to raise money

Views sought on regeneration project

RESIDENTS of Chideock and Seatown are being asked for their suggestions to retain the area, particularly the beach and access to it.

As the popularity of Seatown Beach grows, more people are visiting the area, which is leading to damage to the access lanes.

The greater frequency and higher intensity of storms is also a factor which could damage Seatown and lead to erosion.

A successful bid from The Chideock Society was granted by the government's Coastal Revival Fund in December for a feasibility study to be carried out to see if it is possible to find solutions to some of the problems.

The landowners around the beachfront have been approached for their agreement to the overall aims of the study and residents can come up with solutions to what can be done to tackle problems which they have identified.

Simon Williams, the team leader, said: "If the feasibility study is accepted there is a chance to apply for external government funding to improve the enjoyment of all users of the area, parish residents, holidaymakers, educational groups and elderly.

"New thinking, fresh ideas and approaches are welcomed, but time is short, the deadline for submitting the study is in mid-March so please don't hold back or miss the opportunity to have your say!"

Suggestion boxes for written suggestions are in the village shop, The George Inn and The Anchor Inn, or residents are incited to attend the next meeting in the village hall on Wednesday, February 10th at 11am. Another meeting will be held in March before the study is sent for approval.

Your Bus Matters event today

IN response to Dorset County Council's consultation on public transport, Bus Users UK is holding a 'Your Bus Matters' event at Bridport Bus Station today (Wednesday, February 3rd).

The event is open to the public and will give passengers in the area the chance to have their say on proposed cuts to local services.

Dorset County Council has been invited to send representatives and visitors will also have an opportunity to speak directly to their local bus operators.

The 'Your Bus Matters' event takes place from 10am to 2pm.

Paintings in sermons

FAMOUS paintings will feature in sermons for the spring season of choral evensongs at St Mary's Church in Bridport.

The theme will be 'the power of passion and resurrection in three paintings'.

The first, this Sunday (February 7th) at 4pm, will feature the painting 'Christ after the flagellation' by Diego Valáquez, the second on Sunday, March 6th is 'St Francis embracing the crucified Christ' by Francisco de Ribaltá, and the third on Sunday, April 3rd is 'The incredulity of St Thomas' by Leonardo Strozzi.

The first and third paintings are in the National Gallery in London and the second in the Museo de Bellas Artes in Valencia.

Canon Andrew Evans, Bridport Team Rector, said: "Art like faith moves us at our deepest level. Combine the two and we see into our souls."

St Mary's pupils watch the birdies

RECEPTION pupils at St Mary's Primary School in Bridport have been busy bird watching as part of the RSPB's national bird week.

The class have been recording bird sightings at school which are then collated and used to form an overall bird count for the country.

Sarah Geldard, the Reception class teacher, said: "We have been busy over the past two months making bird feeders to feed all the friends that visit our playground and with our clipboards in hand, we set out to capture and count all the many varieties that visit us at school.

"We were really excited to see many birds of all different types, including two robins, five crows, four sparrows, four blackbirds, seven starling, and at least six other types of birds.

"We will continue counting over this week, looking through our bird watcher in class and getting out in the playground before doing a big count next week to send in our results.

"It is a great way to get outdoors and pay attention to nature and really take account of all the different birds we see on a daily basis.

"We wish everyone else in Bridport good luck with their bird watching."

To find out more about the event visit www.rspb.org.uk

ABOVE: Pupils at St Mary's School look out for sightings of different birds as part of the RSPB's bird week

LEFT: Reception class children record the different birds the can see from their playground

Volunteer needed for fashion show

THE organiser behind Colmers Hill spring charity fashion show is looking for one more female volunteer to model in the show being held at Symondsbury Tithe Barn on Friday, March 18th.

Penny Callaghan, the owner of a new independent fashion boutique Colmers Hill Fashion, which is based at the Manor Barn in Symondsbury Manor Yard, is organising the event to raise money for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

Graham Barton of Clive Emson Auctioneers, best known for BBC's *Homes Under The Hammer*, will be compering the evening.

Penny is looking for someone aged between 18 and 65, size eight to 18 and confidence to walk down the 48-foot catwalk.

They will need to be available all day on Friday, March 18th for rehearsals and a makeover by The Shed Hair and Beauty Boutique, plus a rehearsal the evening before and fittings at the end of February.

In return, the participant will receive a selection of digital photos from the show and a goodie bag from Colmers Hill Fashion.

Those interested should send photographs of themselves to customerservices@colmershill.com along with details and dress size.

Penny Callaghan, owner of Colmers Hill Fashion, who previously owned The Terrace in Lyme Regis for 12 years, said: "This is going to be a really fun evening. We have a wonderful group of ladies who will be modelling and I am looking for just one more.

"There are lots of local companies getting involved to make the event look spectacular including Taddle Farm Marquees, Busy Bee Florist and Beautifully Seated."

To watch the fashion show, tickets cost £10 and there is an option to buy VIP tickets for £25.

VIP tickets include front row seats, complimentary prosecco in the VIP lounge and a goodie bag, which includes a gift voucher for Colmers Hill Fashion among other items.

There will be a licensed bar and Symondsbury Kitchen will be open for the evening.

The event will show fashion from both British and continental designer labels including Desigual, Out of Xile, Myrine, A Postcard From Brighton, Eucalyptus, Darlin, Owen Barry, Smash and Dorset milliner Fiona Baker.

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The Beeches is also running another fantastic offer until the end of February, two people can dine on 3 delicious courses for just £39! A great chance for a night out with a friend, family or loved one, enjoying some quality time together, with top quality food. What's even better is that if you return to dine with us before 31st March you will win anything from a 10% discount through to your meal absolutely free!!

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Welcome to Lyme Bay Pizza where we always offer our unique take on special occasions. This Valentines weekend is no different.

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We are a small restaurant with BIG! Views. The restaurant is situated on the Cobb with our rooftop terrace overlooking the bay and with our complementary blankets you can enjoy the view even when it's a little colder.

Our main goals are to do good food well and offer value for money. The food is served in a relaxed environment with seating inside and outside, our front of house team is friendly and very willing to help in any way.

We serve a variety of wines, larger, cider, spirits and ales from Lyme Regis Brewery and at competitive prices.

We have also just perfected our gluten free pizza which is now available.

For the all the dishes being served Valentines weekend, to book a table or to ask any questions give us a call.

So book now as spaces are limited

Thanks from Lyme Bay Pizza and we look forward to seeing you at our restaurant.

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Symondsbury Kitchen

Symondsbury Kitchen is now under new management. Jean Pierre Nzante is bringing a fresh new vibe to the café with it being opened more in the evenings.

It'll be open on both Friday & Saturday evenings over Valentine's weekend. Friday evening there will be live music and Saturday evening local DJ James Baker will be on the decks with some smooth tunes to add to the ambience.

A log burner and cosy atmosphere make it the perfect place to celebrate Valentine's day this year.

Although it is now under new management the original ethos of the café remains which is to serve deliciously home cooked food made by using locally sourced meat, fish and produce including vegetables that are grown in the Symondsbury Estate garden all year round.

Keep your eyes peeled for events at Symondsbury Kitchen this year, there are lots of things in the pipeline!

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MIKE Biss (left) organiser of the Cold Turkey Run, presents Roy Hardy (right) a representative of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, with a cheque for £510, with members of Bridport Classic Bike Club behind

Bike run raises £510 for charity

by Lottie Welch
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THE Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance got a boost on Sunday from members of Bridport Classic Bike Club.

The group presented Roy Hardy, a representative from the charity, with a cheque for £510, money raised from their annual Cold Turkey Run in December.

Every year, member Mike Biss organises the ride from the Crown Inn, Bridport, which attracts dozens of bikers and motorcyclist enthusiasts from the south west.

Mr Biss said: "Despite the poor weather, we had a fantastic turnout and more money was raised than last time.

"We are so pleased to give £510 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and a big thank you to all our sponsors and riders for their continued support."

Mr Biss presented the cheque at the Crown Inn with fellow members.

Tracy Bartram, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance communications manager, said: "It is wonderful to have such great support from the Bridport Classic Bike Club.

"Once again they have raised a brilliant amount of money through the Cold Turkey Run, which was held in aid of the charity.

"This event seems to be a favourite amongst many locals and bike enthusiasts. We thank everyone who took part or helped out during the day.

"With no direct government or National Lottery funding, we rely on the generosity of the public to help us raise the funds to keep flying. Events like the Cold Turkey Run play a crucial part in doing this."

Figures reveal 2015 was a business best for county

DORSET businesses are doing well as statistics show the most companies were registered in the county last year than before with Dorset achieving the highest percentage growth in England.

There were 7,791 new businesses formed in Dorset in 2015, up from 6,304 the year before, and the county now has a total of 47,433 registered companies.

That statistics, which were compiled by Inform Direct, a provider of online company formations, represent a 23.6 per cent growth for Dorset.

Harry Catchpole, managing director of Inform Direct, said: "Dorset has had a very successful year and the figures indicate a surge in entrepreneurialism in 2015 for this region.

"In fact, the county has seen the largest percentage growth in the whole of England and the third largest in the UK, only behind Dundee and Fife in Scotland."

Of the new companies created in Dorset last year, 1,057 were in West Dorset, 256 in Weymouth and Portland, 3,032 were in Poole, 1,939 were in Bournemouth and 528 in East Dorset.

Richard Smith, president of Bridport Chamber of Trade, said: "I think as we continue to see slow recovery from the economic crises, it is not surprising that many are trying to make their own successes in starting a business.

"The key, as always, is to ensure the long term viability of these businesses.

"With organisations such as the Dorset Growth Hub, there is no reason for a business to go without help when they need it and I recommend every business getting some outside help once in a while.

"Overall I think it is a great thing for the local economy and the more positively we engage with these new businesses, the better the future will look for everyone."

Loders Young Players to hold bingo night

MEMBERS of Loders Young Players will be hosting a family bingo night in conjunction with their award ceremony evening on Sunday, February 6th at Loders Village hall.

The award giving takes place at 7.20pm with bingo starting at 7.20pm.

Refreshments will be available during the interval but guests are also welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks.

To reserve a table contact Lesley Lee on 01308 420767 or Lucy Chant on 01308 456958.

Money raised will go to Loders Young Players.

New Dorset county council boundaries are made law

NEW electoral boundaries for Dorset County Council have been approved by parliament after an independent review.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England published its final recommendations for changes to the county's electoral divisions last September following an eight-week public consultation.

The new boundaries - which include Bridport covering Hooke to the north and Compton Valance to the east and Salway Ash falling into the Beaminster boundary – have now been made law by an order of parliament and will come into effect at the next county council elections in may 2017.

The changes mean Dorset voters will elect 46 county councillors – one more than at present.

Dorset will be divided into 40 divisions, a reduction from the current 42, with six of these – Bridport, Dorchester, Ferndown, Gillingham, Verwood and West Moors – each being represented by two councillors.

Two councillor divisions will have around twice the average number of voters and the other 34 divisions will each be represented by an individual county councillor.

Cllr Robert Gould, leader of the county council, said: "We are grateful to everyone who took the time to give their views during the boundary review.

"By taking part they have helped to make sure that local people are represented fairly and in a way that reflects the changing make-up of our communities."

Reviews of electoral boundaries are done periodically to make sure that the number of voters represented by each councillor is roughly the same.

The last review of Dorset County Council's boundaries was done in 2004.

Full details of the Dorset boundary changes, including maps, can be found at www.lgbce.org.uk

Bridport Environment Group meeting

THERE will be a meeting of the Bridport Environment Group on Tuesday, February 9th at 5.30pm in the committee room of the town council offices at Mountfield, Rax Lane.

The group addresses sustainability issues and any matters relating to the natural and built environment of the Bridport area.

All meetings are open to the public.

New sensory wall hanging given to Mountjoy School

A NEW sensory wall hanging depicting the Jurassic Coast is taking pride of place in Mountjoy School after it was made and donated by a local charity, ***writes Lottie Welch***.

Project Linus UK – a volunteer organisation that makes quilts and blankets to comfort sick and traumatised children and teenagers – presented the school with the interactive hanging, which can help students use different senses.

Over the last three years, Project Linus UK has also made quilts for every child at Mountjoy School.

Deputy headteacher Helen Farnell said: "The quilts have been absolutely beautiful, the children love them, they bring a lot of joy and comfort.

"They have many uses, we lay them on the floor and play on them and use them for wrapping around distressed youngsters to comfort them.

"When Project Linus said they would be making a wall hanging for us we were thrilled, its arrival this week has been much anticipated.

"It must have taken them many hours of work to design and make it, it is an extraordinary piece of art.

"The wall hanging seems to have a mind of its own, it has lots of different textures which are wonderful to play with.

"There are feathers, bells, woolly sheep, doors to open, crispy leaves, buttons shaped like grapes – it is interactive in so many ways.

"It provides a medium that everyone can enjoy, the young, the old and everyone in between, it is a great leveller. We hope it brings lots of fun and happiness.

"It has taken pride of place in our reception area so that we can share it with the children, parents and all the visitors to the school. We are very lucky to receive so much support from the local community."

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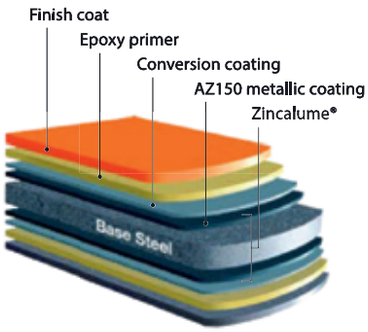

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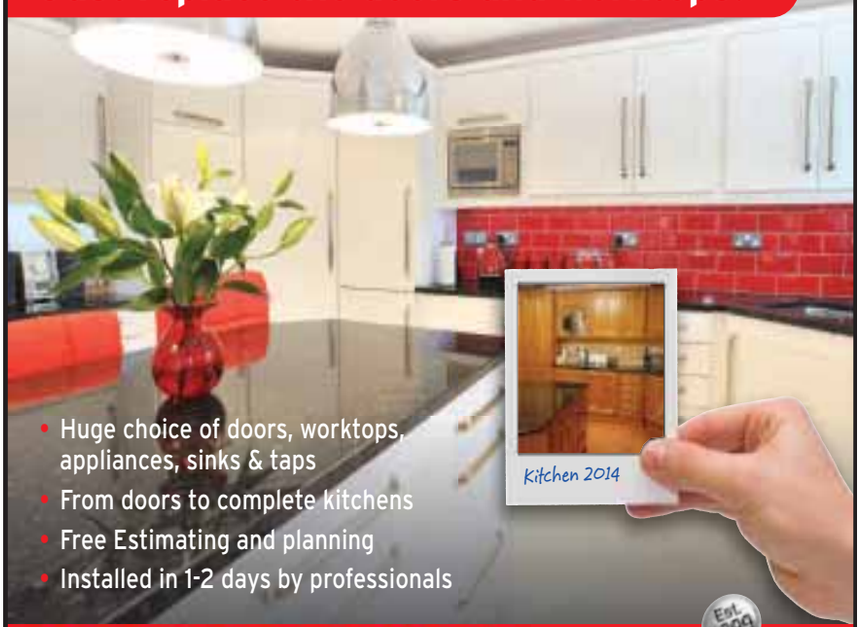

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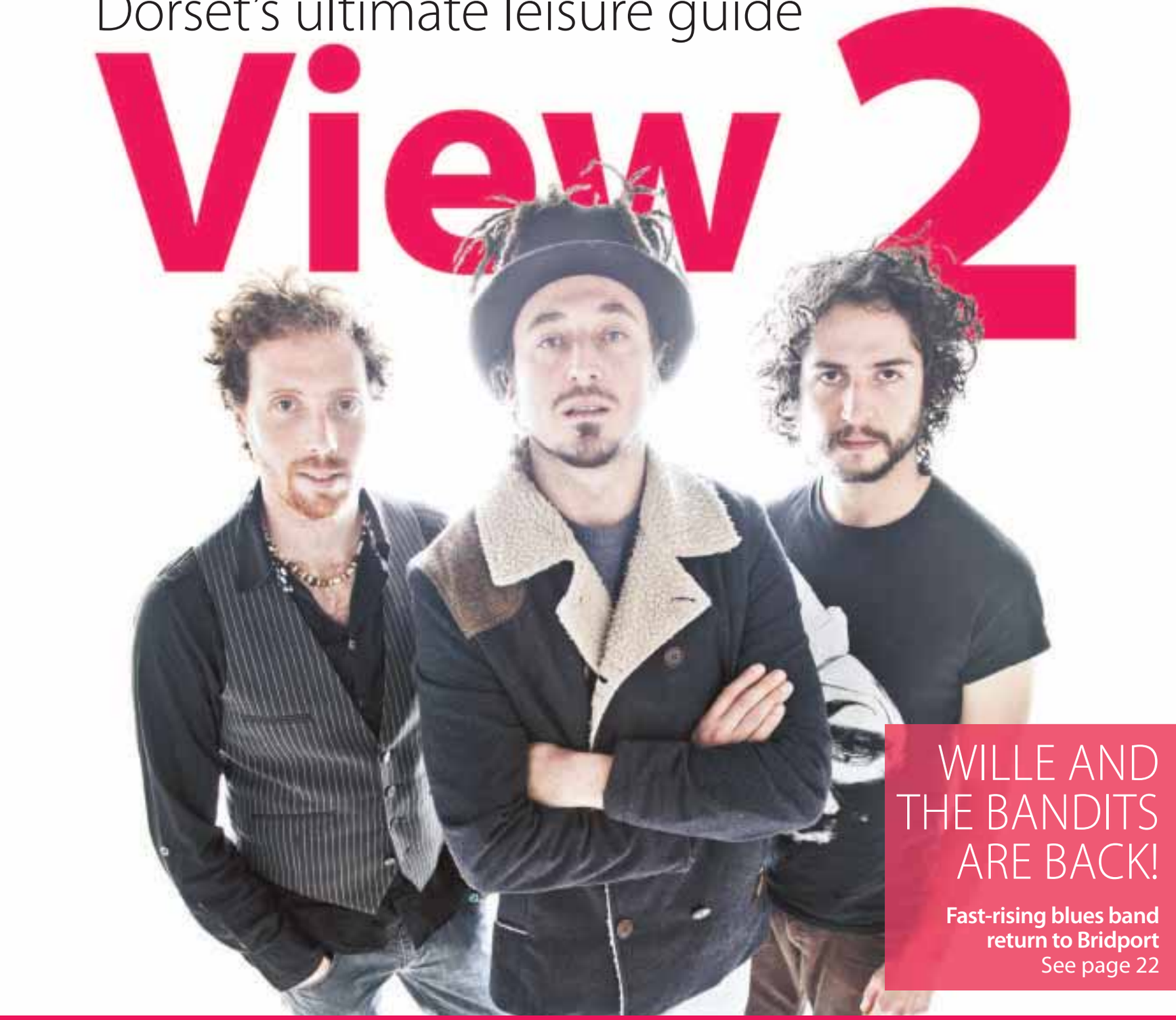

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Fast-rising blues band return to Bridport

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1/2 JACK 9pm

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
SWING COMMANDERS
Bar 5pm / onstage 8pm

Saturday 6 Feb
The Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
HALF MOON FEVER

The Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
SKY LIZARD
9.30pm

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
WILLE & THE BANDITS
8pm. £12

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Sunday 7 Feb
The Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
JAMMING AT THE CROWN
4pm

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
JAZZ BRUNCH: PHILIP CLOUTS & RACHEL MORE
11am

Friday 12 Feb
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
BLUES NIGHT: THE PRODUCERS
Doors 7pm.
£10.50 adv, £12 door.

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
JAZZ CAFE: A CELEBRATION OF SONNY ROLLINS
8pm. £10

Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER
GET RHYTHM: GRAND RE-UNION 8pm. £5.

Saturday 13 Feb
The Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
WILLIE & KARL

Wille and the Bandits are back!

THE BRILLIANT blues band Wille and the Bandits are returning to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, February 6th. They brought the house down when the played last year so are back by popular demand. If you haven't yet experienced one of their gigs, you can expect a classic blues rock three piece much in the vain of Cream or The Jimi Hendrix experience. But just as these bands pushed the genre in their time, Wille and the Bandits also take their sound beyond what is expected of them.

The use of more bizarre instrumentation and eclectic influences in the song writing often pushes them more into a world music or progressive category. Having toured with artists such as Deep Purple through to the John Butler trio and played major festivals across Europe, the band seem to leave an equally astounding impression on audiences of all ages and musical backgrounds with their energetic and soulful performances.

They have received great critical acclaim, being voted in the top ten must see bands at Glastonbury by BBC Radio 1. Bob Harris is a big fan and they are regularly played on Radio 2. They reached number 2 in the UK blues chart with their first single on downloads alone. Now touring their third independently released studio album Wille and the Bandits fan base, repertoire of sounds, styles and innovation seems to be growing at an exponential rate and no doubt will be bringing music lovers of Bridport with them!

Tickets are £12 from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Wille and the Bandits

Producing The Blues

The Producers bring 25th anniversary tour to Bridport's Electric Palace

ACCLAIMED blues band The Producers come to Bridport Electric Palace on Friday, February 12th.

The reformed version of The Producers includes original frontman Harry Skinner and bass player Dave Saunders. They are joined by Ray Drury on organ/piano and Biff Smith on Drums and percussion to complete the lineup on this 25th anniversary tour.

Receiving rave reviews, The Producers are regaining the loyal following which made them so popular in their previous forms. New material is continually being written and incorporated into their set, which contains many of the previously recorded tracks.

Tickets are £10.50 in advance from seetickets.com, or £12 on the door.

The Producers

The venues

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Marine Theatre to host Jazz Brunch

THE MARINE Theatre is hosting a Jazz Brunch this Sunday, featuring music from Rachel More and Phillip Clouts, and a brunch from Aroma Cafe.

Singer Rachel More will be performing a wide selection of well-loved swing, ballads, blues and bossa-novas and will also be featuring some of the songs from her CD All My Tomorrows. Rachel has sung live on Radio 4's Loose Ends and been featured on ITV's Meridian Tonight and at the Jazz Divas Festival.

She will be accompanied by Philip Clouts who the Observer praised for his "particularly subtle judgment when it comes to harmonizing simple melodies"

Listen to the music whilst enjoying a delicious brunch buffet served on arrival; hot choices include smoked mackerel kedgeree, breakfast fritata and and field mushroom with goats cheese with a herb walnut pesto. All served with salad and buttered french stick; plus Aroma's delectable homemade cakes and scones.

Limited tickets available. Tickets are £14 (including brunch buffet provided by Aroma Cafe), concessions £13, under 12s £7, and £10 without the brunch buffet. Booking advisable.

Rachel More

Devil's Violin – don't open that door!

FOLLOWING a hugely successful Dorset tour with A Love Like Salt in 2013, the acclaimed performers of The Devil's Violin make a much anticipated return to the County through Artsreach with their brand new show; The Forbidden Door.

What would you sacrifice for the one you love? How far is too far?

Don't open that door! As soon as the rule is laid down, we know it will be broken. Once the door is opened, then what? Anything from love, loss, drama, danger, horror, humour, twists and trials.

The Devil's Violin has been breathing new life into the ancient art of storytelling since 2006 and for this tour, musicians Sarah Moody, Oliver-Wilson Dickson and Dylan Fowler are joined by storyteller and spoken word performer Dominic Kelly, who is a regular on the storytelling scene across Europe and curates Lancaster's popular Lit Fest.

Prepare for an evocative and enchanting evening of rich and dynamic storytelling accompanied by visceral, melodic live music that will stay with you for some time.

The Devil's Violin comes to Broadoak Village Hall on Friday, February 5th at 7.30pm. To book tickets or form more details call 01308 424922.

The show also comes to Martinstown Village Hall on Sunday, February 7th at 8pm. For more details call 01305 889202.

Ed Aczel

Anti-comedian Ed flaps his wings

AWARD-WINNING comic (and former office worker) Ed Aczel – hailed as "Britain's greatest living anti-comedian" (*The Guardian*) is more or less delighted to announce his return to the road for what will be his second nationwide stand-up tour.

His new show, *The Random Flapping of a Butterfly's Wings,* sees Ed tackle the pithy task of nailing down the nature of existence.

Ed is best known in comedy circles for really not following the rules of stand-up comedy, and it is in his own inimitable style that he will be aiming to use his show to change the world once and for all – although it may turn out to be too complicated.

Ed will be seeking to find out the answer to the age old question, can you have your cake and eat it? Which in Ed's world would obviously mean – can you to seek to change human consciousness forever while keeping your weekends free. Warning: Chaos Theory will be used liberally.

Then, bringing Maths, History and Improv to life for beginners, Ed will explore his own inner psyche with a section analysing his dreams - and then he'll try not to get too paranoid.

The Random Flapping of a Butterfly's Wings will also see Ed include a couple of amusingly circular stories about his life, which thankfully don't last long.

Aczel can be seen in Ricky Gervais's upcoming new film 'Life on the Road'.

Ed Aczel performs at Bridport Arts Centre this Friday, February 5th at 8pm. Tickets are £10/£8 available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Mr Jéan make Friday funky

Mr Jéan

ONE OF the largest and most lively crowds the Marine Theatre has seen in recent years descended last Friday (January 29th) to dance the night away with popular party band Mr Jéan.

The 'Thank Funk It's Friday' show featured the tight rhythms and funky grooves the group have become synonymous with locally, with a hugely varied set incorporating Shalamar's 'I Can Make You Feel Good', Michael Jackson's 'PYT', and Odyssey's 'Back to My Roots', through to more unusual and surprising picks including R Kelly's 'Ignition (Remix)' and Justin Timberlake's 'Like I Love You', all stamped with the band's inimitable upbeat vibes.

The packed out dancefloor

The Theatre's stylish bar

The theatre's increasingly popular bar, is now opening every Friday and Saturday from 5pm until 1am. here will be music every Friday in the Bar - acoustic, bands, DJs, open mic. Once a month there will be a big party night;

This Friday, February 5th, at 8pm the Swing ommanders take us back in time and on the dance floor with 1940s classics, boogie-woogie, western swing and 50s jump jazz; If you enjoy vintage style, lively music and good old fashioned entertainment, you'll have a ball!

Keep up to date with whats on at the Marine Theatre via www.marinetheatre.com or on the Facebook Page and Twitter.

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Dick Whittington at the Palace

It's pantomime time again – oh yes it is - and loyal fans of Bridport Pantomime Players will be delighted to know it's *Dick Whittington*

AMY WHEATLEY plays thev eponymous hero who travels to London to seek fame and fortune believing the streets to be paved with gold! On his way he befriends Tommy the Cat, a super-duper rat catcher played by Sarah Pitcher, and once in London falls in love with the lovely Alice (Laura Dunford). Alice is the daughter of the very important Alderman Fitzwarren (Greg Horton) who gives Dick a job. All seems well, but evil is afoot in the guise of King Rat (Teresa Grinter) who with the help of two gullible sailors, Cod and Skate (Sue Farrant and Hattie Amos) makes sure Dick is disgraced.

Dame Sarah Suet (Jess Ives) ably caters for the needs of everyone whilst Idle Jack (Emily Shoemark) lives up to the word Idle! After a contrived ship wreck, everyone is washed up on the shores of Morocco where the Sultan (Sarah Light) and his Wazir (Jo Aisthorpe) believe themselves to rule the land. All ends well as all good pantomimes should, but not without the help of Fairy Bow-Bells (Alice Tuck) who takes up her wand to make the magic.

This pantomime has something for everyone and will be on stage at The Electric Palace from Wednesday, February 3rd to Saturday, February 6th at 7.30pm with a matinee on Thursday 1.30pm, and Saturday at 2pm. Tickets £9 (concession £7). FIRST NIGHT (Wedneday, February 3rd) all tickets £6 (no further reductions) on sale at the Tourist Information Centre from January 6th.

So leave behind the gloom and cold of winter, make your way to The Electric Palace and sail away on the Saucy Sue to the warmer climes of Morocco and join in the fun – nobody is too old – in fact some of you who haven't been to a pantomime for years will have the time of your lives – oh yes you will!

Amy Wheatley as Dick Whittington

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One man… One show… Three courses

George Egg, The Anarchist Cook, whips up a night to remember

IF YOU like cooking and comedy then you'll love this. Following multiple sell-out shows at the Edinburgh and Brighton Fringe Festivals last year, Dorchester Arts welcomes George Egg, the much-celebrated anarchist cook to the Corn Exchange on Friday, February 19th.

Internationally acclaimed comedian George Egg is a rather fanatical self-taught cook with a somewhat anarchic approach to making meals. As obsessed with culinary matters as he is with comedic ones, and finding himself dissatisfied with the quality and cost of takeaways and room-service meals while touring the stand-up comedy clubs of the world, George embarks on a project to take matters into his own surprisingly capable hands.

Whilst performing a mind-bendingly original show of comedy-come-illustrated-lecture George prepares a three-course meal on the equipment hotels unwittingly provide (iron, kettle, trouser press) , and if you want to, you can even taste the delights created it at the end.

Wildly brandishing the worlds' second largest briefcase containing a battery of ridiculous props, George bounds onto the stage to perform one of the most original, interesting, innovative, and sweetly whimsical comedy performances you are ever likely to see. George Egg has been a professional stand-up comedian for the last two decades. He has an extremely successful solo show with which he has toured across the UK and Europe, both onstage and television, and more recently he has been the support act for Lee Mack, Mickey Flannagan and Jack Dee.

A true cross between alternative stand-up comedy and music hall variety audiences can expect a cocktail of belly laughs, striking innovation and extreme multi-tasking.

George Egg: Anarchist Cook at Dorchester Arts, The Corn Exchange Friday, February 19th, 8pm. For more details or to book call 01305 266926 or visit dorchesterarts.org.uk

Mike Denham's SpeakEasy Night with Steve Graham and Hamish Maxwell

PIANIST Mike Denham's latest SpeakEasy Night features Steve Graham - one of the top New Orleans style trumpet players in the UK - and Hamish Maxwell - a fine vocalist reminiscent of the great George Melly. Expect to hear the music of Louis Armstrong, Bix Biederbecke, Bessie Smith, Big Joe Turner, Fats Waller and Scott Joplin in an engaging performance. A pre-show supper is optional.

The SpeakEasy night takes place on Friday, February 12th. For more details call 01305 756825.

Steve Graham

Hamish Maxwell

Debs Newbold

Tales from the Bawdy Bardess

MASTER storyteller, Debs Newbold, will be performing an intimate show in the Marine Theatre Bar this Thursday, February 4th. The bar is open from 6.30pm, onstage 7.30pm. All tickets £12 with TheatreFriends discount available.

Debs' new show, 'Tales from the Bawdy Bardess', is a reworking of medieval bawdy comedy and very funny... but strictly for grown-ups!

Debs is known for her genuine wit and the extraordinary physicality of her storytelling, bringing tales to life and sparking the imagination.

For more details visit www.marinetheatre.com.

Camp Bestival's out-of-this-world line-up grows as Katy B, Squeeze and more are announced

JOINING previously announced headliners Fatboy Slim, Tears for Fears and Jess Glynne, and Aliens Love Underpants, Dick and Dom and Mr Tumble, organisers are over the moon to announce even more astronutters who will be joining Camp Bestival's festi-holiday frolics at Space Camp Lulworth for a party that's sure to be out of this world!

Queen of rave pop, Katy B, makes her first visit to Lulworth castle! A chart invading trailblazer, Katy's beat-driven vignettes laid the foundations for a whole host of recent chart stars, and with brand new album 'Honey' - the follow up to chart topper 'Little Red' - set to soundtrack the summer, she's a dead cert to blast us into outer space!

There'll also be stratospheric action from Scottish chanteuse KT Tunstall, London's finest post-punk hit-machine Squeeze, enduring hip-hop troubadours Arrested Development, keepers of the Afrobeat flame Seun Kuti & Egypt 80, the UK's most successful girl band ever Bananarama, turntable wizard DJ Yoda, singer-songwriter Jamie Lawson, chill out specialists Turin Brakes, acid jazz innovators Brand New Heavies, confessional rapper Loyle Carner, reggae queen Dawn Penn, Havana's greatest gift to humanity The Cuban Brothers, and hobo-chic originator Duke Special.

And there will be plenty more intergalactic joys with Louis Berry, Rob da Bank & Tayo's Prince tribute, Purple Rave, Sound of the Sirens, The Demon Barbers XL, Sound and Vision: A Celebration of David Bowie presented by Rob da Bank, Lizzie Ball and the Classical Kicks Orchestra, The Scorsese Agreement, Delilah Sisters, The Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band, Circus Raj and Folk Idol.

Camp Bestival takes place from Thursday 28th - Sunday, July 31st. Weekend Tickets are on sale now via: www.ticketline.co.uk, or by calling 0844 888 4410. For more details visit the website at www.campbestival.net

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Theatre to sink your teeth into!

BEWARE. He is coming. Keep your windows locked and gather in the garlic.

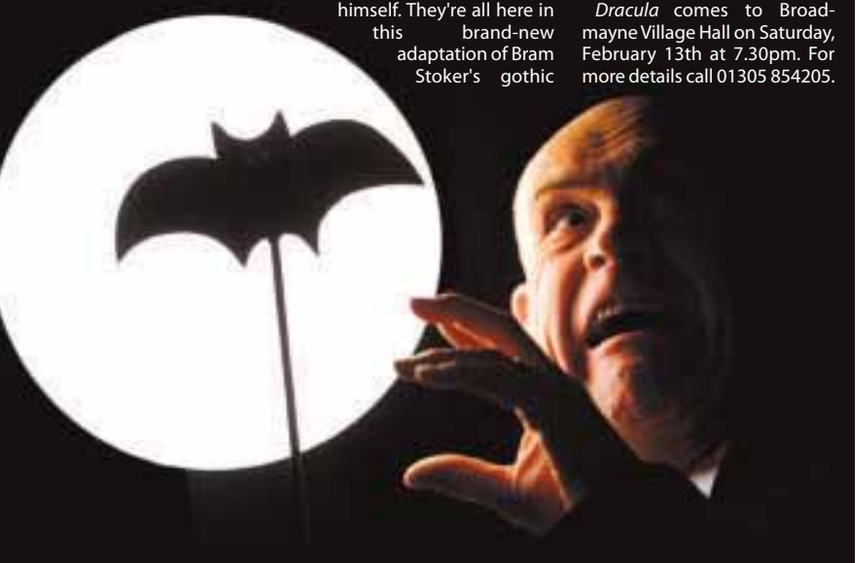
After a hugely popular tour with his take on Dickens' 'Great Expectations', Cornish actor and co-founder of Kneehigh Theatre, Dave Mynne is returning to Dorset through Artsreach.

This time the immensely talented and versatile performer is sinking his teeth into Bram Stoker's classic tale of the vampire in an outstanding one-man performance of Dracula.

Blood, bats and sexy lady vampires. A madman eating flies. Garlic and gore. Coffins, crucifixes, crypts and the Count himself. They're all here in this brand-new adaptation of Bram Stoker's gothic pot-boiler...

The show first toured in Dorset last spring to great acclaim and so early booking to catch a performance this year is advised! But be warned: this monstrous, disturbing and completely batty tale of dark deeds and the Un-Dead, will thrill and seduce you!

Dracula comes to Broadmayne Village Hall on Saturday, February 13th at 7.30pm. For more details call 01305 854205.



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Fri 12 Feb
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Sat 13 Feb
Star Wars: The Force Awakens (12A)
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POINT BREAK 12A
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THE story of the country-western singer Hank Williams, who in his brief life created one of the greatest bodies of work in American music. The film chronicles his rise to fame and its tragic effect on his health and personal life.
Stars Elizabeth Olsen, Tom Hiddleston and David Krumholtz.

DAD'S ARMY PG
The Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard platoon deal with a visiting female journalist and a German spy as World War II draws to its conclusion.
Stars Catherine Zeta-Jones, Bill Nighy and Toby Jones.

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Star Wars: The Force Awakens 12A
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The Big Short 15
Fri, Mon-Tue: 14.15
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Sat: 10.15, 11.00am, Sun: 10.15am
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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ Club concert with Darrel Harvey at the United Church Hall, East Street (DT6 3LJ), 7.30pm. Members £7.50, visitors £9. With refreshments. For more details call 01460 73500.
DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet 2pm for 2.30 pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, DT1 2RZ when Robin Cook will give a talk on "My Life and Times at Harrods". The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information. Membership subscriptions are now due.
WEYMOUTH: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. 'Introducing Garden Birds', a talk by a speaker from the RSPB. St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, Weymouth starting at 7:30pm. Details from 01305 813853.

THURSDAY FEB 4TH - SATURDAY FEB 6TH

BOTHENHAMPTON: Pantomime 'Hansel and Gretel' at the village hall. Doors 7pm, show 7.30pm. Tickets £8 adults, £4 children (includes a light supper) available from 01308 458006 or 422205. Organised by Bothenhampton Village Players.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Competition Creative followed by Malcolm McNaughton with his Print presentation. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Society Coffee Morning at the Alexandra Hotel, 10.30am-12noon. All welcome.
CHARMOUTH: Charity Fun Quiz at Charmouth Community Hall, in aid of the National Coastwatch Institution, Charmouth Sector. Doors 7pm, quiz 7.30pm. Tickets £3 per head for teams of up to 6. Raffle tickets on sale for £1, and Chinese Bingo (last man standing) tickets at 50 per ticket. Great prizes to be won, drinks available at the bar. Ample parking. All proceeds to critical equipment for the new lookout on Charmouth sea front. For more details call 01308 485695 or 01308 898558.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs with the talented "English Contra Dance Band" and the always enjoyable Jane Thomas calling, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. ECDB play a great mix of music so expect dances across the genre and not just contras or America! Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it! Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets on the door at £9, but this is anticiapted to be a popular event so better (and cheaper at £8) to buy in advance from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or book with Monty or Mecki on 01308 423 442. See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport International Folk Dance Club holds monthly sessions on the first Sunday of the month at 12.30-2.30 in The Ropemakers, West Street, DT6 3QP, featuring international folk music and dances from the Balkans, Greece and France. Entry is free. All players are welcome (some sheet music can be distributed in advance if wished); dancers of any ability are invited, with walks-through for newcomers commencing at midday. The pub is open 12-3pm and serves excellent home-cooked lunches. Call Mecki on 01308 423 442 or email mecki1@yahoo.co.uk

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

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BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents film: 'Suffragette' in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am-1pm, or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society start their 2016 meetings with an interesting illustrated talk entitled 'A Postcard from West Dorset' by Rob Rhodes, the local National Trust Countryside Manager. The meeting will be held at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth and starts at 7.30 pm. Members, potential members and visitors are all welcome. Further details from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
DORCHESTER: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party from 3-4.30pm in St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Just come along and order your pancakes, freshly made. Charge is £1.50, including a pancake and a cup of tea. Extras at 50p each. Profits to the Tearfund Refugee appeal. For more details call 01305 259755
BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society, 2.30pm at United Church Hall, East St. Bridport. Dr Mark Forrest from the Dorset History Centre will talk about Using Manorial Documents and what is available in Dorset and a Tutor survey of three Dorset Manors. Everyone welcome, visitors £2.50. For more details contact Jane on 01308 425710 or jferentzi@aol.com

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group meting. Wendy Hilton of TWAM (Tools With A Mission) to talk on the ingenious work of this Christian Charity. At St George's Church Hall, Fordington, 2.15-4pm. Entry £1, includes tea and biscuit. For more details call 01305 269834.
DORCHESTER: The Durnovarian Dames Ladies Group. AGM followed by a presentation by Jordans Jewellers about Birthstones. Thursday, February 11th from 10am to Noon at The Recreation Ground Pavilion, Weymouth Avenue. All ladies are very welcome to come along to our friendly monthly meetings. For more details call 01305 751639 or visit www.durnovariandames.weebly.com
DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'Harbingers of Spring'. An illustrated talk by Julian Sutton, Desirable Plants, Totnes, Devon. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

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LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning. 10.00am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. Members and non-members all welcome. At 10.30, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

LODERS: West Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society, 2pm, Loders Village Hall. Speaker Roger Guttridge - My Family and other Smugglers. Roger has researched smuggling in Dorset and published many books on the subject. Everyone welcome, visitors £3. For more details contact Jane on 01308 425710 or jferentzi@aol.com

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. David James is an experienced teacher and demonstrator and will be showing us pen and wash landscapes and townscapes. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
DORCHESTER: Film: 'Hobson's Choice' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester. Lights dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing for £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

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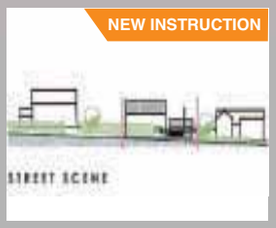

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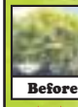
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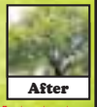
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THE new SsangYong Korando SUV crossover, Rexton 4x4 and Turismo MPV have all received a significant power boost for 2016 together with improved economy and reduced CO2 emissions, and are now available to order with the new 16 registration.

The improvements are the result of a major upgrade to the powertrain which now employs a new 2.2 litre Euro 6 diesel engine.

"This is a significant advance for the range," says Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK. "The power upgrade brings greater refinement, while the cars continue to deliver unrivaled levels of equipment and value, and no other brand offers such a comprehensive warranty for complete peace of mind.

"Sales of these models are already well up compared with last year," adds Mr Williams "which clearly demonstrates that even more people are recognising the amazing value SsangYong offers. With the power upgrade and new automatic gearboxes for 2016, these cars deliver even greater levels of refinement and value."

Diesel power

The newly developed e-XDi220 diesel engine meets the demand for a more powerful performance and lower CO2 emissions at the same time. Maximum power is increased to 178ps and torque to 400Nm - up by 19.4% and 11% respectively over the previous Euro 5 diesel 2.0 litre engine fitted to the Korando. Maximum torque is delivered from a low of 1,400rpm and maintained through a wide range up to 2,800rpm for smooth, progressive driving from the start.

Big strides have also been made with CO2 emissions which have been reduced to 139g/km, down from 147g/km on the previous two-wheel drive, manual transmission Korando, while fuel economy is considerably improved and now up to 53.3mpg (Combined cycle) for the 2-wheel drive manual compared with 47.1mpg on the model it replaces.

Designed by the Italian styling house, Giugiaro, the new 2016 Korando also offers a number of equipment enhancements. Externally, it now sports stylish clear glass direction indicators, a new piano black radiator grille with additional chrome detailing on the ELX, and new-look 16" & 17" alloy wheels, as well as 18" diamond cut alloy wheels on the top of the range model.

There are further improvements inside with an upgraded infotainment system on the EX and ELX models. The EX features a 7" high-resolution touch screen with audio streaming from smart devices and a link to the rear view camera, while the top of the range ELX also benefits from a TomTom navigation system.

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Kia announces prices for all-new Sportage

▲ All-new Kia Sportage 1.7 CRDI

KIA today announces pricing and specifications for the fourth-generation of its best-selling model in the UK, the stylish Sportage crossover. There are 18 variants on offer priced from just £17,995 on the road. For the first time GT-Line versions add an even more sporty flourish to the range, while the line-up is headed by the luxurious First Edition model, priced at £31,645. GT-Line models start at £24,350. The new Sportage is on sale from February 5, 2016.

The new Sportage brings major advances in fuel efficiency, comfort, connectivity, convenience and safety. The acclaimed styling of a model which sells as much on its looks as on its practicality has been subtly modernised and every model benefits from a more premium look and feel to the interior.

There are now four engines and three transmissions with the introduction of a 1.6-litre T-GDi (turbocharged gasoline direct injection) unit and a 7DCT (seven-speed dual-clutch automatic) gearbox, both of which are reserved exclusively for GT-Line. They join extensively re-engineered 1.6-litre GDi petrol and 1.7- and 2.0-litre turbodiesel power units with improved fuel economy and CO2 reductions of up to 29g/km, which means significantly lower company car tax for the Sportage's loyal legions of business drivers.

The six trim lines are badged 1, 2, 3, 4, GT-Line and First Edition. All versions powered by the 1.6-litre GDi and 1.7-litre CRDi engines are front-wheel drive, while those powered by the 1.6-litre T-GDi unit and the two 2.0-litre CRDi diesels have all-wheel drive. Four-wheel-drive versions are distinguished by the 'KX' prefix in the model designation - except for GT-Line and First Edition versions

Connectivity and advanced driver aids are a pre-requisite in any car these days, and the Sportage will not disappoint on either count. All versions except the entry-level grade have a 7- or 8-inch touch-screen satellite navigation system linked to Kia Connected Services with TomTom®, providing full European mapping and detailed traffic, speed camera, weather and local services information. Further up the range, Speed Limit Information, Lane Keep Assist, High Beam Assist, Autonomous Emergency Braking and Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert are available.

Specification highlights

All versions of the all-new Sportage are comprehensively equipped and feature an extensive package of comfort, convenience and safety items which becomes progressively more luxurious with every step up the range.

Even Grade 1/KX-1 comes as standard with 16-inch alloy wheels and all-round disc brakes, a black diamond-mesh grille with chromed surround, front foglights, LED daytime running lamps, cornering lights, chrome-coated belt-line mouldings, smart black cloth upholstery with a grey headlining, electrically adjustable door mirrors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshifter, all-round electric windows, air conditioning, a DAB radio, Bluetooth with music streaming, USB and AUX ports, 12-volt power outlet in the front and rear, Trailer Stability Assist, Hill-start Assist, Downhill Brake Control and cruise control with speed limiter.

Grade 2/KX-2 expands on this with 17-inch alloys, body-coloured exterior handles with chrome inserts, high-gloss paint on the front grille, 7-inch touch-screen navigation system with integrated reversing camera and connectivity services, roof rails, privacy glass on the rear side windows and tailgate, black premium cloth upholstery and powered lumbar adjustment for the driver's seat, electrically folding and heated door mirrors with LED indicators, reversing sensors, automatic lights and wipers, an auto-dimming rear-view mirror, dual automatic air conditioning with an automatic windscreen de-fog system, a cooled glovebox and the Lane-Keep Assist, automatic high-beam assist and speed limit information functions.

With grade 3/KX-3 come 19-inch alloys, a front wiper de-icer, black leather upholstery, a high-gloss black centre fascia, a rear USB charging point, heated front and outer rear seats, 4.2-inch LCD TFT colour information display, an 8" satellite navigation screen and a JBL® premium sound system with sub-woofer, external amp and front centre speaker.

Above that, grade 4/KX-4 adds bi-xenon adaptive headlights with automatic levelling and washers, front parking sensors, a smart key entry system and engine start/stop button, stainless steel door scuff plates, a panoramic sunroof, LED rear combination lamps, 10-way power adjustable driver and eight-way adjustable front passenger ventilated seats, a heated steering wheel, Autonomous Emergency Braking and Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert.

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Further standard equipment features for SZ-L include satellite navigation, DAB Radio, cruise control, Sport type steering wheel with silver stitching plus further silver stitching to the seats and gear lever boot. SZ-L is available in seven colours including new Horizon Orange metallic which is available for the first time on Swift; metallic paint is a £430 option.

The Swift SZ-L offers value for money in terms of running costs and purchase price; the 1.2-litre Dual VVT 94PS engine is one of the most powerful in its class, but offers low emissions of just 116g/km CO2 costing £30 in annual VED after the first year and returns a frugal 56.5mpg on the official combined cycle. What Car? magazine recently achieved close to this figure in their 'True MPG' testing at 51.7mpg.

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Dawlish Utd	9	15
Newtown Reserves	9	15
Hemyock	11	13
Tipton St John	11	13
Halwill	13	4
East Budleigh	14	4
Culm Utd	9	3

D&E Div Seven (22)	Pld	Pts
Tivvy Park Rangers	10	26
Lyme Regis Reserves	14	25
Central (Exeter)	11	25
Offwell Rangers	13	24
Pinhoe Reserves	12	23
Elmore Reserves	11	16
Wellington Tn 3rds	14	15*
Colyton Reserves	14	14
Cheriton Fitzpaine Res	9	13
Seaton Town Res	12	10
Langdon Reserves	12	7
Bradninch	10	2*

Perry St Premier (24)	Pld	Pts
Barrington	9	24
Beaminster	8	24
Shepton Beauchamp	9	20
Perry Street	6	16
Combe Reserves	12	16
South Petherton	7	15
Winsham Utd	12	14
Chard Utd	11	14
W & M Chinnock	12	13
Netherbury	13	11
Crewkerne Town	13	9*
Forton Rangers	11	5*
Lyme Regis Bantams	7	2*

Perry St Div 1 (24)	Pld	Pts
Hawkchurch Utd	11	28
Barrington Reserves	9	19
Misterton	10	18
Drimpton	7	18
Uplyme	8	13
Waytown Hounds	9	12
Pymore	8	11
Combe St Nicholas A	9	11
Beaminster Reserves	10	10
Ilminster Town Colts	9	7
Crewkerne Rangers	9	5
Thorncombe	9	2

Perry St Div 2 (24)	Pld	Pts
South Petherton Res	9	24
Shepton Beau Res	11	23
Merriott Rovers	9	22
Chard Rangers	11	22
Winsham Utd Res	13	21
Combe St Nicholas B	10	18
Farway Utd	10	18
Chard Utd Reserves	10	15
Hinton St George	13	12
Merriott Dynamos	10	10
Kingsbury Episcopi	15	7
Thorncombe Reserves	9	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	24
Charmouth	10	19
Perry Street Reserves	8	18
Fivehead	11	18
Uplyme Reserves	10	17
Halstock	6	16
Netherbury Reserves	8	15
Drimpton Reserves	11	14*
Chard Rangers Res	9	13
Crewk Rangers Res	10	10
Ilminster Town A	10	6
Chard Utd All Stars	10	6
Farway Utd Reserves	11	4

Local football round-up WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

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Hounds too strong for Barrington

Disappointing defeats for the remainder of the region's teams

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
CENTRAL FC 5 LYME REGIS RESERVES 2
Division Seven

LYME Regis Reserves lost ground at the top of the Division Seven table after this disappointing defeat at promotion rivals Central FC.

Ultimately the Seasiders were guilty of trying to play too much football through the midfield area when the understandably long grass and sticky surface was crying out for a long ball approach. Their cause wasn't helped by some indifferent defending against youthful opponents who took their chances well.

The hosts took the lead in the seventh minute when left-back Ally Rattenbury got the wrong side of Darren Lampitt and the striker coolly lifted the ball over keeper Chris Higgs from 12 yards out.

Alfie Jaques had a great chance to equalise almost immediately but fired over when well placed.

The lead was doubled in the 13th minute when Nick Horne found space and fired into the corner.

New signing Tyrone Ruth fizzed a low 20-yarder narrowly wide and centre-back Wallace Blackmore headed a corner wide of the post from close in, but these were rare bright moments in poor first half for Lyme.

Central surged 3-0 up ten minutes from the break when Higgs spilled a corner and Horne smashed the lose ball into the back in to the net on the half turn.

Things got worse eight minutes into the second half when Higgs, despite claiming no contact was made, was penalised for a trip by referee Martin Bovey and Horne tucked the resulting penalty away to complete his hat-trick.

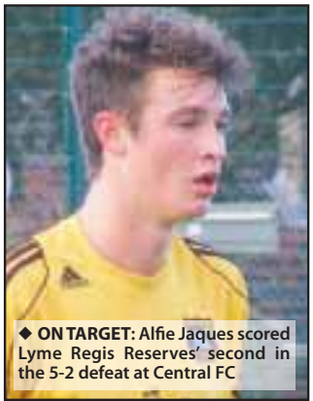
At 4-0 there appeared to be no way back for the Seasiders. But they battled away and finally made inroads through the home defence.

Sam Bevis tucked away a one-on-one chance in the 55th minute and Alfie Jaques slotted home to make it 4-2 after brushing off a couple of tackles.

But the steam went out of the fight back, although substitute Fred Thomson looked lively and forced the home gloveman into a smart save at the foot of the post.

And, to compound the visitors' misery, Higgs miscued his attempted clearance in the 88th minute and the ball was slotted into the empty net by Horne for his forth of the afternoon.

Seasiders; *Chris Higgs, Stefan Taylor (Fred Thomson 67), Ally Rattenbury, Mark Batey, Wallace Blackmore, Alex Rowe (capt), Matt Thomas (Ryan Fifer 67), Tyrone Ruth, Adam Caddy, Sam Bevis, Alfie Jaques (Ben Whittington 70).*



◆ **ON TARGET:** Alfie Jaques scored Lyme Regis Reserves' second in the 5-2 defeat at Central FC

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
ARTHUR GAGE CUP R1
BARRINGTON RES 1 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 4

A TOM PERRY strike was all that Barrington had to show for their efforts as they crashed out of the Arthur Gage Cup.

Waytown took lead in the 10th minute when striker Jon Legg squeezed the ball between the keeper and the near post.

James Loveridge then hammered in a shot from 20 yards that took a slight deflection to put the Hounds 2-0 up. Perry halved the deficit but was then forced off with a pulled hamstring.

Substitute Matt Read, back after a long injury lay-off, made it 3-1 on the hour before Simon Smyth hit a fierce shot which the Barrington keeper got a hand to it but could not prevent it going into the roof of the net.

The result had Waytown manager Mark Hughes purring: "This was a very good team performance but I would pick centre back Tom Rutland as man of the match, with Steve Masters, Loveridge and Ryan Harwood not far behind him."

◆ **STILL GOT IT:** Matt Read returned from injury with a goal in Waytown's fine 4-1 cup win.

CREWKERNE RANGERS 3 UPLYME 0

CREWKERNE Rangers gained revenge on visitors Uplyme for a hefty 9-1 hammering in the corresponding league fixture at Wadham School back in September.

Josh Lovatt gave the hosts the lead with a 15th minute penalty. Player-manager Scott Isaacs added the crucial second just before half time.

A Steve Bryant free-kick midway through the second-half clinched the win.

Uplyme assistant manager Jon Matthews said: "We were sluggish across the park and really didn't give a good account for ourselves.

"We were hampered by one of our subs not turning up as well as another of our subs not being allowed to play due to unremovable jewellery!

"The game was very frustrating and although we were on the wrong end of a 3-0 scoreline, we had our chances and should of made more of a game of it."

CHARMOUTH 2 DOWLISH & DONYATT 4

SILVERWARE certainly beckons for Dowlish & Donyatt this season.

The Dodgers progressed in the Bailey Cup after trailing 2-1 at half-time thanks to strikes from George Haywood, Nathan Doey, Jon Bartlett and an OG in a 4-2 victory at Barrs Lane.

Bill Ward and Dan Rendell netted the consolations for the Robins who are now without a win in five matches.

PREMIER
CREWKERNE TOWN 2 COMBE RESERVES 0

"ABSOLUTELY Tiger proud!" was Crewkerne manager Lee Gillman's assessment of his young team's 2-0 victory over Combe Reserves at a sticky Henhayes.

"My young lads battled like hell against a good Combe side – I'm so pleased."

Kieran Adams opened the scoring from the edge of the box on the half-hour. But Combe held the upper hand for large periods and appeared certain to strike back.

But Callum Hooper broke through one-on-one and slotted home the killer second, and the hosts went on to miss a couple of late chances to add to their tally.

FORTON RANGERS 3 W & M CHINNOCK 0

FORTON Rangers bounced back from last week's points deduction in fine style to clamber off the foot of the Premier Division table.

The final scoreline was far from a fair reflection of the game – but Forton took the few chances that came their way while the Chinnocks' were wasteful in front of goal.

Andy Stevenson fired the hosts in front in the 15th minute while the opening quarter was notable for four strong penalty appeals - three for the visitors – which were all waved away.

Breakaway goals from Eddie James and Stevenson clinched the three points for the hosts whose player-manager Alex Thompson said: "It was a great battling performance, our back four were brilliant, but the whole team worked their socks off.

"We were under pressure for most if the second-half but managed to hit them on the counter twice."

The Chinns keeper-boss Matt Alford, who lost Ollie Hutchings and Mark Cawley to Halstock recently, said: "Although we lost, I was delighted to see our team spirit and we managed to play some decent football on a heavy pitch.

"All credit to Forton; they defended well and took their chances - they did very well to get the game played."

DIVISION THREE
NETHERBURY RESERVES 0 HALSTOCK 3
(Played at East Coker)

GOALS from Johnny Jackson, Mark Whitmarsh and Ben Brister lifted Halstock up to sixth spot in the Division Three table.

With games in-hand, Adge Diment's side a perfectly place to make a push for promotion at the first time of asking following their reformation in the Summer.

RESULTS

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO
Chulmleigh p Exmouth Town Reserves p
Cullompton Rangers Res p Exeter Uni 3rds p
Halwill p East Budleigh p
Hemyock p Henry's Cronies p
Lyme Regis p Dawlish Utd p
Tipton St John p Newtown Reserves p
DIVISION SEVEN
Central FC 5 Lyme Regis Reserves 2
Cheriton Fitz Res p Wellington 3rds p
Colyton Reserves p Seaton Town Reserves p
Elmore Reserves p Bradninch p
Tivvy Park Rangers p Langdon Reserves p

PERRY STREET LEAGUE (2pm ko)
ARTHUR GAGE CUP
Barrington Reserves 1 Waytown Hounds 4
Crewkerne Rangers 3 Uplyme 0
Hawkchurch Utd 7 Thorncombe 2
Misterton 4 Combe St Nicholas A 3
TOMMY TABBERER CUP
Combe B 2 Shepton Beauchamp Reserves 0
Hinton St George 2 Chard Utd Reserves 1
Merriott Dynamos p South Petherton Res p

◆ **GOAL:** Dan Rendell's 16th goal of the season couldn't save Charmouth from a Bailey cup defeat

Thorncombe Reserves p Merriott Rovers p
Winsham Utd Reserves 0 Farway Utd 4
BILL BAILEY CUP
Chard Rangers Res p Uplyme Reserves p
Chard Utd Allstars p Perry Street Reserves p
Charmouth 2 Dowlish & Donyatt 4
Fivehead 3 Farway Utd Reserves 4
PREMIER
Chard Utd p Shepton Beauchamp p
Crewkerne Town 2 Combe Reserves 0
Forton Rangers 3 W & M Chinnock 0
Lyme Regis Bantams p Beaminster p
Perry Street p Netherbury p
South Petherton p Barrington p
DIVISION ONE
Beaminster Reserves p Drimpton p
Pymore p Ilminster Town Colts p
DIVISION THREE
Drimpton Res p Crewk Rangers Reserves p
Netherbury Reserves 0 Halstock 3

FIXTURES – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO (3pm)
Chulmleigh v Halwill
Exmouth Town Res v East Budleigh
Hemyock v Lyme Regis
Newtown Reserves v Culm Utd
Exeter University 3rds v Dawlish Utd

DIVISION SEVEN (3pm)
Central FC v Tivvy Park Rangers
Colyton Reserves v Bradninch
Elmore Reserves v Wellington Town 3rds
Langdon Reserves v Offwell Rangers
Lyme Regis Res v Cheriton Fitzpaine Res
Pinhoe Res v Seaton Town Reserves

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
CHALLENGE CUP QF (2pm)
Beaminster v West & Middle Chinnock
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP (2pm)
Misterton v Hawkchurch Utd
Thorncombe v South Petherton Reserves
Uplyme v Dowlish & Donyatt
JACK VENN CUP R1 (2pm)
Combe St Nicholas B v Merriott Rovers
KEN HODGES CUP R1 (2pm)
Farway Utd v Perry Street Reserves
Halstock v Fivehead
Kingsbury Episcopi v Drimpton
Netherbury Res v Crewkerne Rangers
REG EGLON CUP QF (2pm)
Crewk Rangers Res v Ilminster Town A
PREMIER (2.30pm)
Chard Utd v Winsham Utd
Lyme Regis Bantams v Combe Reserves
Perry Street v Barrington
Shepton Beauchamp v Forton Rangers
South Petherton v Crewkerne Town
DIVISION ONE (2.30pm)
Barrington Reserves v Beaminster Reserves
Ilminster Town Colts v Pymore
Waytown Hounds v Combe St Nicholas A
DIVISION TWO (2.30pm)
Chard Rangers v Shepton Beau Reserves
Merriott Dynamos v Thorncombe Reserves
Winsham Utd Res v Hinton St George
DIVISION THREE (2.30pm)
Chard Utd All Stars v Drimpton Reserves
Charmouth v Farway Utd Reserves

Bees news

Bridport frustrated

by Stuart Broom

BRIDPORT manager Trevor Senior was left with more frustration following the postponement of Saturday's rearranged Toolstation Western League Premier Division fixture at Shepton Mallett.

The Bees have only played once since Boxing Day, a 2-0 defeat at leaders Odd Down on January 12th, and although many teams are in a similar situation, it is exasperating Senior that his side do not have the opportunity to make ground on the sides above them.

Handily placed in 10th spot, they have at least two games in-hand on every team bar Gillingham, in some cases up to five. With two victories they could move up to eighth.

With St Mary's having been completely submerged 10 days ago following flooding from heavy rain, Bridport thought they had beaten the weather by switching last Saturday's home fixture to Shepton Mallett.

However, the weather was not to be denied and heavy rain last Thursday and Friday saw the Shepton pitch suffer the same fate and the game was postponed.

Senior said: "It is very frustrating. But it does mean that players like Ryan Dovell (cheek), Warren Byerley (hamstring) and Darren Watts are able to get more time to improve their fitness.

"However, it will mean a fixture back-log and we will end up playing half a season's games in just three months."

The Bees are due to visit LONGWELL GREEN SPORTS this Saturday.

Bridport Reserves are faring no better, having played just once since Christmas, a 1-1 draw against Sherborne Town Reserves two weeks ago. Frustratingly they were not allocated a game last Saturday.

Shaun Annetts' side will hope to get back to playing when they entertain HAMWORTHY UTD RES at St Mary's (ko 3pm).

◆ **BUSY TIME AHEAD:** Trevor Senior

Rugby round-up

Woodwork fails to deny Blues victory

Bridport 36 Ellingham 7
Ringwood 18
Dorset & Wilts Division Two (South)

THIS ended up being an excellent Bridport victory against a very determined side who had travelled down to avenge a one point defeat inflicted by the Blues back in October.

Bridport started brightly, and a smart interception from Mike Pibworth set up a ruck from which Tim Edwards burst to score between the posts. Ricky Stubbs added the conversion.

Good running down the left wing then led to a scrum in an attacking position for the hosts, the forwards obliged with a solid platform and Stubbs showed excellent footwork to score the second try, which he converted and it was 14-0.

Strung into action, the visitors piled on the pressure and Bridport were guilty of conceding two kickable penalties to let E & R back into the game at 14-6.

Dave Cutting, playing at inside centre, caught the opposition napping with a quickly taken penalty and forced his way over for Bridport's third try. The conversion hit the outside of the post.

When Nathan Herbert added a fourth try after some smart handling from Lance Samways, Bridport seemed in a comfortable position, and although the conversion again hit the post, led 24-6

D&W D2 (S)	Pld	+/-	Pts
Yeovil	15	653	71
Bournemouth III	15	462	62
New Milton II	15	321	59
WEYMOUTH & PORT'ND	14	231	59
BRIDPORT	15	69	43
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew	15	-84	38
Ellingham & Ringwood II	14	-111	25
DORCHESTER II	15	-242	20
North Dorset III	15	-213	19
PUDDLETOWN	14	-146	17
Poole	14	-448	10
Fordingbridge II	15	-492	-4

In the second half, with the wind behind them and the slight slope in the visitors favour, Bridport found themselves on the back foot.

The E & R fly-half kicked cleverly to pin the Blues back in their own half, where too often they earned the Ref's displeasure.

A penalty kick for the corner followed by a driving maul gave the visitors their first try, which was well converted, and when they followed with another, albeit unconverted, and the score was suddenly 24-18 and the game wide open.

However, unlike December's Dorchester disaster, the home side responded in the most positive fashion, winning a scrum against the head and setting wing Daragh Mcloughlin off on a storming run to the line. The kick went wide, but Stubbs added a converted try and finish off the scoring.

Next week Bridport travel to bottom of the table FORDINGBRIDGE 2nds.

Bridport U12s

THERE was a triangular mini-tournament at Dorchester at the weekend played in drizzle on muddy pitch.

Dorchester selected from a squad of 40, Weymouth 30, against 16 from Bridport, to play three games of 15 minutes duration.

In the first game against DORCHESTER both sides traded tries, Dorchester pipping it two tries to the one powered over by Henry Mason.

The second game against WEYMOUTH was in the same vein as the first, end to end through the heavy mud, but the tries by George Found and Oliver Hansford-Harvey levelled the score at 2-2.

By now the mud and effort was tiring the Bridport few, and the third game against a fresh DORCHESTER proved to be one two many. Tackles were missed, and the Blues went down 5-0.

Dorchester U14s through to County Cup final

Dorchester U14s 55
Oakmeadians 0
by Iain Adshead

Dorchester began the recent County Cup semi-final positively with Zack Southall scoring the first try after only a few minutes and Samson Marshall taking the second fairly soon afterwards.

Far from taking the wind from Oakmeadians' sails, it seemed to galvanize them and their defense remained resolute.

Their strong scrum gave them some respite for some time, but Dorchester seemed determined to not be dominated and as a consequence they ran in five more tries, courtesy of two each from John Stewart and Frankie Read, and another from Zack Southall to lead 43-0 at the interval.

The start of the second half saw personnel changes for both sides, with the remainder of the Dorchester bench being used; one of these replacements, Taylor Moore scoring a good try in the corner.

Oakmeadians heads didn't drop and they kept fighting to the end, despite continuous pressure from a well-drilled Dorchester side.

The last score went to Jago Oak-Rhind, after a storming run from the halfway line.

Dorchester Squad: *Joel Clarke, Patrick Taylor, Matthew Adshead, Will Adler, Ed Martin, Ethan Staddon, Stefan Perry, John Stewart, Sam Downey, Orlando Bailey, Zack Southall, Frankie Read, Freddie Marsden, Nathan McNab. Subs all used: Jack Hayward, Jago Oak-Rhind, Joe Message, Yihan Kershaw, Taylor Moore, Will Simpson, Tom Heinrich.*

Dorchester U14s now face Wimborne U14s in the Dorset County Cup Final on February 14th at North Dorset RFC (11am ko).

Dorchester 3rd XV 7
Swanage & Wareham 3rd XV 19

DESPITE a couple of no-shows, two new recruits to the club meant the Gladiators at least started with 15, against a rather larger visiting squad.

The visitors enjoyed the majority of early possession which they soon converted into points.

A short while later, with Dorchester still not having actually got their hands on the ball, a tap penalty under their posts saw a converted try put the visitors 12-0 up, with no sign that this was to be anything other than a very long afternoon for the hosts.

This proved to be a turning point, however, with the match becoming much more even.

Swans were still playing better overall, with several chances from kicks ahead, but the Gladiators' back three snuffed out each opportunity.

Although the home defence still creaked in places, with Swans able to make good ground when attacking in the loose, the scramble defence was effective.

Furthermore, Swans' maul was neutralised as Dorchester became more organised, driving several back to win the scrum.

Just before half time a visit to the sin-bin by Mark Newman for a late tackle could have dashed the home spirits, but instead they launched attack after attack, and were unlucky not quite to get over the Swans' line.

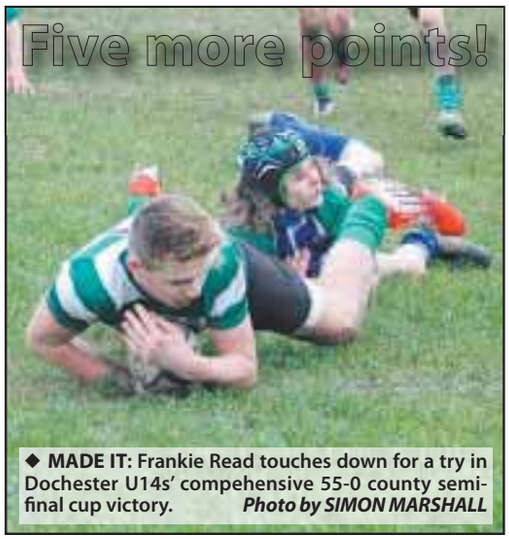
With numbers restored after the break, Dorchester continued to hold the ascendancy, and eventually Chris Backhouse touched the ball briefly on the line.

The visitors hadn't seen it and complained, but the referee had, and by now was fed up with being constantly advised, so awarded a penalty try, which was duly converted.

Dorchester's tails were up but they couldn't quite get to the line again, Swans' bench shoring up tiring legs despite them losing a man to the bin for a perceived tip tackle.

With just a few minutes to go Swans were finally able to force their way over the home line, converting for a 19-7 lead which they kept to the final whistle.

The Gladiators' next game is on Saturday away at Bournemouth IV.



◆ **MADE IT:** Frankie Read touches down for a try in Dochester U14s' compehensive 55-0 county semi-final cup victory. ***Photo by SIMON MARSHALL***

Bridport Squash & Racketball

Bridport target promotion

Bridport 1st 17 JP Blandford 2nd 5

BRIDPORT'S victory over League Division 2 leaders Blandford sees them in with a chance of promotion to the top league in Dorset Squash *writes Roger Lewis*.

Jason Martin at one for Bridport was up against a hard-hitting opponent in Mike James. At the start it was nip and tuck with both players trying to gain the upper hand.

Once they settled down it was Martin who continually had James on the back foot as he went through to record a 9-3, 9-5, 9-4 victory.

Ollie Duquemin was his usual reliable self against Blandford's Steve Quick at two.

Duquemin, who has the ability to cover the court at tremendous speed, consequently managed to retrieve his opponent's shots and was able to dispatch his returns to parts of the court which was the deciding factor as Duquemin turned in a creditable 9-3, 9-6, 9-3 victory.

Bridport's Dan Wentzel and Blandford's Tim Wetherall had many a long rally in a 60-minute battle.

The match ebbed and flowed throughout as both players tried to maintain the T position.

At times the squash was top class played between two very fit opponents but in the end Wentzel won through 4-9, 9-3, 9-7, 7-9, 9-2.

Nick Neale at four for Bridport had a difficult encounter against t Nick Rogers who had him going all ways with a range of pressure shots to all corners of the court.

The Blandford player was in control most of the time only allowing Neale to play the odd counter attack shot and took the match 9-6, 9-3, 9-3.

Newcomer to first team squash Nathan Neale at five and was up against a very experienced opponent in Blandford's Adam Guppy. However, Neale's supreme fitness and his reading of his opponents play gained him some valuable points.

A player with a tremendous temperament and loads of patience will make him a very accomplished player, as was shown in his performance against the experienced Guppy. Neale was everywhere dispatching shots to all corners and eventually recorded a very good 9-1, 9-1, 9-6 victory.

West Bay Sea Angling

Wheeler on top as Thursday crew battle strong winds

ANGLERS fishing the first two West Bay Sea Angling Thursday night matches had to contend with strong cold winds.

However, it didn't deter P J Wheeler who won both competitions.

Thursday Night
West Bexington, Jan 14th

FIFTEEN members fished in a bitterly north west wind but plenty of fish came to the scales.

Mark Wickenden had the best cod of the night at 3560 grams (7lb 8oz) whilst Steve Fowles bagged himself a specimen dogfish of 1200 grams (2lb 6oz), but it was P J Wheeler who won the overall prize.

Result - 1st: PJ Wheeler 5935g, 2nd: Paul house 5585g, 3rd: Ollie Mears 5550g. Best fish: Mark Wickenden cod 3560g,

Most species: Eddie Painter (four on tie break) dogfish, whiting, pout and poor cod.

Species caught: cod, dogfish, pout, whiting and poor cod.

Thursday Night
Abbotsbury, Jan 28th

TEN anglers braved a strong west to south-west gale which made fishing extremely difficult, only a handful of fish came to the scales.

Result - 1st: PJ Wheeler 1695g, 2nd: Simon Bowditch 805g, 3rd: Craig Horton 755g, Best fish: PJ Wheeler dogfish 575g,

Most species: (on tie break) Ollie Mears – one – whiting.

Species caught: dogfish whiting and 5b rockling.

Bowls

Exciting finish to League

Bridport & West Dorset Indoor Club

BRIDPORT completed their Wessex League programme with a thrilling 80-78 win against Moonfleet B.

Mike Parsons, Dave Roberts, Phil Hedges & Bob Taylor (25-18) and Mike Craddock, Paul Tibble, Kenny Giles & Ken Enticott (21-15) had fine wins at Weymouth, respectively.

At Bridport, Barry Mapson, Mike Higman, Brian Galpin & Brian Conisbee went down 16-22, but trailing 13-22 after 20 ends, Mike Fletcher, Keith Jenkins, Steven Grier & Brian Rumble scored a three count on the final end to secure Bridport's win.

Meanwhile, Pamela Daters, Francis Hewett, Margaret Clapp & Annie Bowden took full advantage of their home draw against a strong Yeovil quartet to win their National Ladies Four area match 23-14.

In the County League Daters, Lyn Craddock, Millie Meech & Margaret Pestelle won 21-16, whilst Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick & Clapp were also victorious 25-13 to pick up maximum points against the Dolphin (Poole).

The Ladies B team took maximum points against Dorchester C in the County Second Division. Joan Higman, Penny Pither, Annie Parkins & Janet Tattershall came from 10-17 down to win 25-22, whilst Viv Gill, Erica Sarson, Barbara Jenkins & Jenny Harding also won 22-18.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results - January 25th: Old Inn Kilm 3 New Inn Kilm B 2, Ship Inn LR 3 Gerrard Arms 2, Ax Inn 2 Beer Club 3, Stepps 1 Lamb Swans 4, New Inn Kilm A 2 Talbot Arms 3, Nags Head 1 Ax Con Club 4.

Beer Leg; Old Inn Kilm 0 New Inn Kilm B 3, Ship Inn LR 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Ax Inn 2 Beer Club 1, Stepps 2 Lamb Swans 1, New Inn Kilm A 1 Talbot Arms 2, Nags Head 0 Axr Con Club 3.

Fixtures (Feb 8th); Ax Inn v New Inn Kilm B, Steps v Gerrard Arms, Lamb Swans v Beer Club, New Inn Kilm A v Nags Head LR, Royal Oak v Talbot Arms, Old Inn Kilm v Ax Con Club.

League table	Pld	Pts
Lamb Swans	19	55
Gerrard Arms	18	54
Stepps	19	53
Axminster Con Club	17	47
Beer Club	19	47
Nags Head	18	46
Old Inn Kilm	19	46
New Inn Kilm A	18	46
Ship Inn LR	18	44
Royal Oak	18	44
Axminster Inn	19	41
New Inn Kilm B	18	37
Talbot Arms	18	35

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Axminster Con Club	17	33
New Inn Kilm A	18	32
Royal Oak	18	32
Gerrard Arms	18	31
Talbot Arms	18	28
New Inn Kilm B	18	28
Lamb Swans	19	28
Axminster Inn	19	27
Old Inn Kilm	19	26
Stepps	19	25
Ship Inn LR	18	23
Nags Head	18	22
Beer Club	19	22

Bridport Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 21st); Crown Inn B 8 Quarterdeck 7, Durbeyfield 8 Oddfellows 7, George WB 9 Crown Inn A 6, Ilchester Arms 5 Hope & Anchor 10.

Beer Leg; Crown Inn B 1 Quarterdeck 2, Durbeyfield 2 Oddfellows 1, George WB 2 Crown Inn A 1, Ilchester Arms 2 Hope & Anchor 1.

Bridport	Pld	Pts	BL
Crown Inn A	13	111	18
George WBay	13	104	23
Durbeyfield	13	104	21
Crown Inn B	13	103	23
Oddfellows	14	102	21
Hope & Anchor	13	99	22
Anchor Inn	13	97	15
Ilchester Arms	14	96	18
Quarterdeck	14	84	19

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures
Mens Nomination (R2)
Monday 8th February
West Dorset Club — C Willcox; C Langdon; D Cooper; R Pincombe; S Welsford; S Lee; H Mills; B Seadon; H Rathbone; A Gay; F Pomeroy; M Powell; M Horton; A Cauldwell.

Ladies Nomination (1st)
Wednesday, February 10th
Loders Arms — S Newman; E Hooper; S Yeatman; M Paulley; G Legg; H Doble; J Cake; S Luter; C Lambert; K Tuck; C Huxter; J Brooks; M Hansford; J Symes.

Division A	Pd	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	12	18
Rejects	12	18
Wanderers	11	17
Lively Lads	12	12
Shipfaced	10	12
Denhay	12	11
Rough Eight	12	10
Slingers	11	10
Masters	11	8
Originals	12	8
Rockets	12	8
Outsiders	11	6

Division B	Pd	Pts
Broadoak	11	18
U know the Blokes	10	16
Dingbats	9	13
7" Clock	11	11
Castouts	11	10
Miss the Ball	11	10
Bangers	10	8
Countrymen	10	8
The Dingles	11	8
Gerryatrics	9	4
NBC	9	4

Division C	Pd	Pts
Aussies Lot	11	18
Bulldogs	10	14
LHS	12	14
Strawpeedoes	12	14
Whisky Chasers	11	12
Groundhogs	9	10
Survivors	11	10
Pinseekers	11	8
Yo Yo's	12	8
Pioneers	11	6
Unknowns	8	4

Division D	Pd	Pts
Brandy Snaps	12	20
AFAR	11	18
Alcoholics	12	16
Featherbeds	12	16
Alleycats	11	14
Stingers	10	13
Let em Roll	9	12
Hidden Talent	11	7
Offcuts	10	7
Tiger Lilies	12	6
Pinbashers	12	3
Bad Girls	12	2

Dorchester Snooker

RESULTS; West Dorset Club A 2 Colliton XQ2015 5, Trinity M 2 Trinity Express 6, Colliton Hopefuls 4 Trinity Gooduns 5, West Dorset Clkub A 5 Trinity M 3.
Leading breaks: E.Wellman 41, 32, G.Bartlett 33. (Season's best; 55 Evan Wellman WDC A).

Table week 13	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	12	48
TrinityGooduns	10	44
W.Dorset Club A	9	41
Trinity Express	11	41
Purbeck Potters	10	38
WDC YYMFDT	9	35
Colliton XQ2015	9	33
WDC Whipping B	11	26
Colliton Hopefuls	9	24

Team Handicap KO Cup
Semi-finals; Trinity Gooduns v Trinity M (tonight at Trinity Club), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity Express (tonight at Colliton Club).

Rearranged fixtures; WDC YYMFDT v Purbeck Potters (Wednesday, February 10th), Trinity Express v Colliton XQ2015 (Monday, February 15th).

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rubber Johns	13	22
Rob's Robbers	12	19
BSC	11	17
Nomads	13	16
Hands of Time	12	15
Fleet Street Five	12	14
It's in the Middle	13	11
Nags Head A	12	9
Noth'n But Treble	13	6
Odds or Us	13	5
Young Darters	12	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Les Miserables	12	19
Elders	11	19
One for the Vikings	13	18
Respect-de-Bull	11	13
Dat Team	10	13
Anchor Vale Viewers	11	8
Otter Rotters	11	7
Poachers	11	6
Royal Hawks	11	6
Time Bombs	11	3

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Five	11	18
Tiger Bees	11	14
Mis Fits	12	13
Flashes Fives	11	12
Midnight Runners	12	12
The Surgeons	10	11
3 Become 1	11	10
No Direction	11	10
Only Just	11	10
The Royal Nuts	11	0

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dart Vaders	11	20
Wicked Team Name	12	15
The Nameless	11	13
Whamo	11	12
Sorted Odds	11	12
Dodgers	11	12
Thunder Birds are Go	11	9
Odds & Sods	11	9
Mozzies Heroes	11	4
Ace of Clubs	10	4

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	18	33
Arrows Awry	17	26
Tender Trap	18	23
Sue's Rebels	18	19
Queen Bees	18	16
Clocking On	17	16
Against the Odds	18	8
Castaways	18	1

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Queenies of the Club	20	33
Up and Downers	19	25
Wildcats	18	21
Next Door	20	21
Good Mates	20	18
Wrong Bed	18	14
Anchors Aweigh	19	14
Charlie's Angels	18	12
Tiger Stripes	18	12

180s: D1 - M.Fisher (Hands of Time) x8, D2 - S.Crabb (Les Miserables) x3, D3 - S.West x2, D4 - A.Page (Wicket TN) x3, LD1 - T.Dawe & S.James (both Anchor Aces), S.Hallett (Clocking On), J.Collins (Queen Bees), S.Chick (Tender Trap) all x1, LD2 - T.Wayland (Wrong Bed) x1.

Mixed Handicap semi's line-up

ALL three divisions will be represented in the semi finals of this season's Weymouth & District Table Tennis League's Handicap Cup after last week's quarter-finals.

Colliton X were the first side to secure their place in the last four with a 6-3 win over fellow Division One side Wyke A.

Sai Maganti gave Wyke a great start with a straight sets win over in form Andy Crouch having had to overcome a 9-0 handicap in the first to 21 best of three set match.

Steve White needed to beat Crouch to keep Wyke's hopes alive but the eight-point start he had to give Crouch was too much and he went down 21-15 in the third which gave Colliton an unassailable 5-2 lead.

All Saints are the Division Two representatives after beating their Division Three opponents Colliton C 6-3.

The youngsters won this match by winning the first five legs despite having to overcome small handicaps in all but one of them.

Luke Dadds got them off to a good start in overturning a five-point handicap to beat Peter Loakes in three sets.

The decisive leg was also the closest though with Ben Hannigan giving Katherine Bundy an eight-point start. When Bundy levelled the leg by taking the second set, Colliton saw a glimmer of hope but Hannigan sneaked the decider 21-19 to give All Saints a 5-0 winning lead.

The second Division One side through the last four is Budmouth B after they won 5-4 against their Division Two opponents Preston A.

Moses Lewis started 0-12 down against Stan Smith in the opening leg of the match but won a tough three setter to give Budmouth an early lead.

Brad Burroughs had to give away seven points to Derrick Shilliday in the ninth and deciding leg but made this up easily in the first set taking it 21-9.

The second was a much closer affair, but Burroughs avoided a final set decider by securing it 21-18 to send Budmouth through.

The last quarter final saw STEPS J of Division Three overcome Budmouth C 5-4 in a match Budmouth started 3-0 down due to last minute illness to Jamie Blair.

STEPS held their nerve despite a spirited fight back from Will Jolliffe and Ethan Gear to ensure their progression.

The league's tournament takes place this Saturday afternoon (February 6th).

All league fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk.

◆**THRILLING WIN:** The Budmouth B team of (from left) Brad Burroughs, Ben Graham and Moses Lewis who overcame Preston A in a close match to reach the semi-final

West Dorset Hawks Hockey

Hawks win as Cornishmen delayed en route

West Dorset Hawks 5 Camborne School of Mines 1

WEST Dorset Hawks' task was made much easier by the late arrival of three of Camborne's players who had been delayed en route by an accident.

Not only did they start short of players, they had to play in the clothes they arrived in as the delayed players were carrying the kit!

Nevertheless the traditional Cornish spirit showed through as the eight thwarted the Hawks early on.

But eventually West Dorset's numerical advantage helped build up a 4-1 lead by the interval before the arrival of the missing players.

Hawks welcomed back Steve Mearing up front, and with captain Robin Goodfellow on holiday, Gavin Brooking took over the sweeper role.

Many of teams in this league are university sides, they are young, fit and skilful and employ tactics of packing the centre of the pitch making them difficult to break down.

Eventually Mearing's speed and close control opened then up on 15 minutes and his pass from the top of the D found Rick Dormer who scored a poacher's goal, sneaking in at the far post.

This settled Hawks nerves, although Camborne defended doggedly and broke swiftly at times giving the home defence some headaches.

West Dorset however added a second from a short corner hich Bob Dormer stroked into the bottom corner.

Five minutes later Rick Steele beat his man before presenting Dormer the opportunity to score his second.

Three to the good, Hawks became complacent and were caught too high, and although Tom Lowe made a great save from the initial shot he couldn't prevent the Cornish striker from tucking home the rebound.

This gave the visitors impetus and they pushed for a second. But they too were caught on the counter just before the break when Rick Dormer's pace saw him beat two players before thumping a shot into the top corner.

Restored to numerical parity, Camborne went all out to get back in the game and dominated the first 25 minutes of the second half and Lowe was forced into several good saves.

Hawks relieved the pressure with a superb one-touch counter attack between Julian May, Steele and Simon Wakely which saw the latter lash a first time shot into the corner.

Spokesman May said: "They were a very good side, even with eight players a real credit to their club, but we played really well which allowed us to build up a 4-1 half-time lead."

Athletics

Broadchurch Triathlon details confirmed

THE inaugural West Bay (Broadchurch) triathlon will take place in June on the site of the Broadchurch cliffs, with both a TRY a tri and Olympic distance triathlon available.

This visually stunning event has been designed to not only test the fitness levels of the competitors but also to show you a glimpse of the beauty the Jurassic coast has to offer, with pro triathlete Kit Walker in attendance it's sure to be a spectacle not to be missed.

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Chess

Martin lifted by Winch win

BRIDPORT Chess Club's annual championship gave rise to some remarkable games last week, with all matches in the third round of the Under 150 section ending in decisive results.

The notable upset of the round was provided by club treasurer David Martin who shocked veteran Colin Winch in a game marked by a somewhat reckless kingside attack.

Winch missed several chances to refute Martin's ploys but when he succumbed to the tempting offer of a dubious queen sacrifice, his opponent enjoyed the luxury of a stylish win.

Club chairman Malcolm Steevens now heads the field after a convincing victory over the dangerous Jeremy Brodie, who seemed a little out of form.

Steevens wasted no time in seizing an advanced outpost for one of his knights, from where it was able to radiate formidable power across Brodie's defences, eventually causing them to crumble.

Meanwhile, relative newcomer Geoff Barker pitted his wits as white against the vastly more experienced Paul Brackner. Barker held his own for an admirable 48 moves but finally found himself snared in a beautiful mating net of Brackner's design.

PUZZLE: In our diagram below, with white to play, black faces checkmate in three moves. Can you spot the forcing sequence? The solution will be in our next column.

Lyme Skittles

Results (w/e 30th Jan); **Ladies**; Just Us 295 Wild Pins (+BL) 315.

Men's Bob Sweetland Cup; Skippy's Six 344 Tornadoes 337.

Men's Palmer Cup Quarter-Finals; Marksmen 322 President's Men 291, Wreckers 320 Skippy's Six 339, Young Guns 355 No Hopers 399, Anthill Mob 331 Flyers 338.
(+BL) = Beer Leg winner

CUP FIXTURES
Week commencing February 7th
Monday, February 8th
Ladies Bob Sweetland Semi Finals; Hot Gossips v Wootton Wobblers, Smashers v Just Us.

Wednesday, February 10th
Men's Bob Sweetland Quarter-Finals; Rousdon Rebels v No Hopers, Young Guns v Roadrunners, Skippy's Six v Trappers (*Please note date changed from fixture book listing due to alley availability).*

Friday, February 12th
Anthill Mob v Wreckers

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	9	18	12
Wild Pins	9	10	10
Generations	9	9	12
Smashers	9	9	10
Just Us	8	9	4
Hot Gossips	9	7	14
La Crème	9	4	4
Rollercoasters	8	4	4

American Football

Touchdown! Come and enjoy the Superbowl

THE Jurassic coast raptors American Football Club are hosting a superbowl party this Sunday (February 7th) at Dorchester Rugby Club on Coburg Road,

New faces are welcome to come along and meet the team and coaches, and enjoy the sport in an ideal environment with like-minded fans watching the game on a 74 inch projected screen.

The bar will be open and food available, doors open at 9.30pm

West Dorset Indoor Youth Cricket League

Yes, no, sorry! run-outs misery for Martinstown

Weymouth u16 134-3 beat Martinstown by 45 runs

A SOLID performance from Weymouth with both bat and ball put them 3-1 up in there mini league against Martinstown.

Batting first Dom Webb (30 no) and Joe James (25 no) kept the scoreboard ticking over at a good rate against a Martinstown attack that gave very little away.

Martinstown 's efforts in the field were rewarded with the run outs of Tom Chedzoy (16) and Dylan Ellis (19) as they fought back. Nathen McNab (3-0-17-1) trapped Sam Bowler lbw for 13 but a well judged cameo innings from Ben Alford (8 no) saw Weymouth close on 134-3.

Martinstown fought hard against a fired up Weymouth attack but, despite 27no from Sean Williams, they never got up with the run rate.

McNab (18) battled away but, with Alford having J.Vane (10) well caught by Chedzoy, the writing was on the wall and Martinstown fell 45 runs short.

Puddletown u12 130-4 beat Weymouth 40-5 by 90 runs

A MAGNIFICENT 61 not out from Fergus Dipple formed the back bone of an excellent batting display from Puddletown as a young and inexperienced Weymouth side were well beaten.

In reply Weymouth never got going as the Puddletown attack - led by Dipple (3-2-3-1) - gave nothing away.

Weymouth fought hard and did at least deny Puddletown the bonus of dismissing all the batsman.

Martinstown u12 84 a/o beat Puddletown 64 a/o by 20 runs

ELECTING to bat Martinstown had two players run out in the opening over as Puddletown once again produced as excellent display in the field.

Seb Galego (24) and David Offer (33) staged a recovery and pushed the run rate up, however the run out habit struck again and it looked like Martinstown were going to lose there unbeaten record as they were dismissed for 84 in 6.1 overs.

Puddletown began slowly but J.Steven (11) and W.Trevis (4) set a good foundation.

The run out bug struck again accounting for both Trevis and Dipple (0) as the game swung back in Martinstown's favour.

Offer struck dismissing Steven, Damien Lewis then had Harvey (8) caught and it was left to Galego to take the final wicket clean bowling Sam Hargraves for 11 as Martinstown pulled off an exciting victory in the 9th over.

Lyme Darts

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	12	21
Rousdon Club	10	20
Nags Z	12	18
Rock Point	10	16
Four Play	12	14
Janners	11	10
Talbot Arms	12	8
Royal Standard	10	7
Cobb Arms	12	6
Hunters Lodge	9	6
Four's Company	11	4
Half an Octopus	11	2

180s leaders:
R.Cross (4), C.Higgs & T.Prowse (both 3), M.Barnett, D.Herbert & A.Reid (all 2).

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Boost for gig club ahead of upcoming season

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MEMBERS of the Bridport Gig Rowing Club are celebrating a successful Oarsome Breakfast after raising over £500.

Dozens of people turned out the club's annual event on Sunday (January 31st), which also gave the ladies an opportunity to launch and show off their new kit ahead of their first race at the beginning of March.

This year the breakfast was raising funds to support their squads going into the World Pilot Gig Championships on the Isle of Scilly in May this year.

Club chairman Sara Buchanan said: "We were delighted that so many people supported our Oarsome Breakfast and we were rushed off our feet for the best part of it!

"Huge thanks go to all our volunteers for pulling together to make it such a success, and especially to Tess Huxter for organising the event. Also local butchers Frampton's and Balson's for their continuing support.

"We raised over £500 which will pay to get our boats over to the Scillies, in readiness for our participation in the World Pilot Gig Championships at the end of April.

"Our Junior squad also raised an amazing £150 from their raffle – giving them a huge kick start towards new kit and training opportunities this year.

"We also had a lot of fun showing off our new ladies squad kit which was funded by various local businesses - Jhai Ltd, Liberty Kitchens, Bellas, Sausage & Pear, Dawn Potter Photography and Smart Fitness.

"Thank you to everybody who came and supported us."

◆ **ALL SET:** Over £500 was raised at the Bridport Gig Rowing Club's Oarsome Breakfast on Sunday, which will go towards their squads going to the World Pilot Gig Championships in May, and the ladies, pictured with sponsor Phil Frampton, were able to launch their new squad kits before their first race in March. *Photo by LOTTIE WELCH*

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